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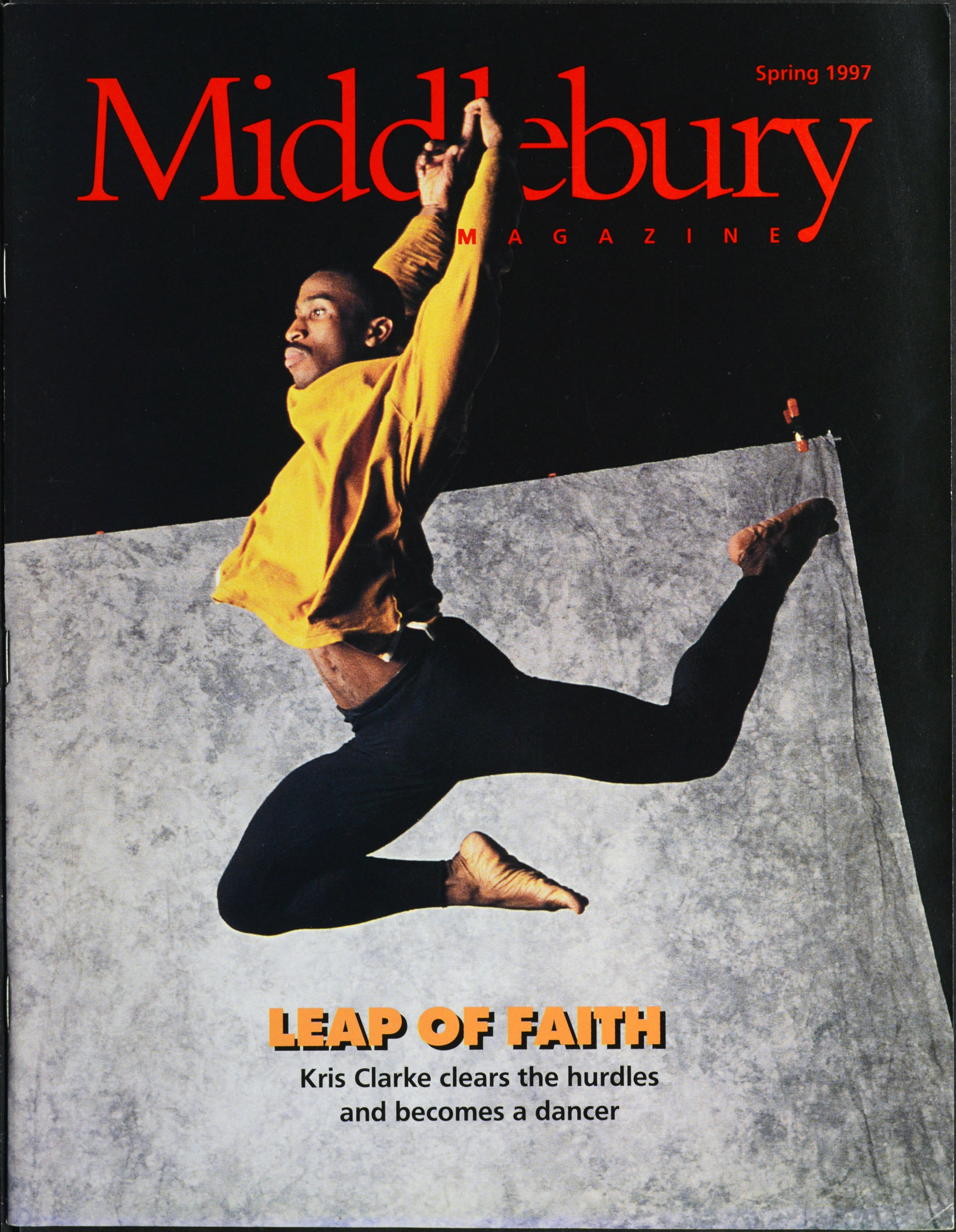

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Kris Clarke clears the hurdles and becomes a dancer

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THE GOVERNOR AND THE GUYS

It was hard to tell who was more pleased, the Middlebury hockey team or the governor of Vermont. Clearly Governor Howard Dean relished this event: awarding a certificate and bestowing thanks to Coach Bill Beaney and his winning Panthers on behalf of the State of Vermont.

According to his assistant, the governor seemed inordinately concerned with the details of this reception: repeatedly checking to see that the requisite punch and cookies were indeed ordered and would indeed be made available for "the guys."

"The guys" arrived 15 minutes before the governor and within 5 minutes the cookies, arranged delicately on a formal table in the Cedar Creek Room, were history. One lone cookie remained, a tribute to the upbringing of the Middlebury students.

The governor arrived with a huge smile on his face: "You guys don't look as big as you look on skates!" he exclaimed, like a typical awestruck fan. "Where are the goalies?" he asked. "Where's the Vermont guy?" He waded into the team and began shaking hands, the smile getting broader, making the governor look not much older than the young men he was obviously delighted to meet.

He presented a certificate to the captain of the team, and the captain in turn presented the governor with a team jersey. "We heard you wore a UVM jacket to our game," the student pronounced as he handed Dean a Middlebury hockey jersey with "Dean" on the back. The governor stripped off his jacket, pulled on the shirt, and faced the sea of scrubbed faces and blue blazers.

"I know you'll get embarassed, but we are really proud of you. Proud of what you do for the state." Dean then pointed to a young boy hanging on the edge of the crowd. "My son," he said. "He's on the state championship squirt team. Hopefully he'll be playing for Bill Beaney one day." The governor's son shyly passed around a sheet of paper on which he was gathering all the Middlebury players' autographs. "And just so these guys don't get too sexist," the governor joked, "they should know that my daughter plays hockey, too. This is not just a boy's sport."

Dean then swept the entire hockey team into his office, where he showed off his historic chair, his desk, the portraits on the wall, and gave a short civics lesson to the politely attentive group. After a group portrait he invited them back next year.

"I'm really thrilled to have you here. We'll invite you back next year, even if you don't go all the way. We're not fair-weather friends!"

And no doubt the refreshments will be more ample. As he exited the room, the governor remarked to his assistant, "These guys use 4,000 calories at day! What is this? Think we can get some more cookies for these guys?" ■ *RM*

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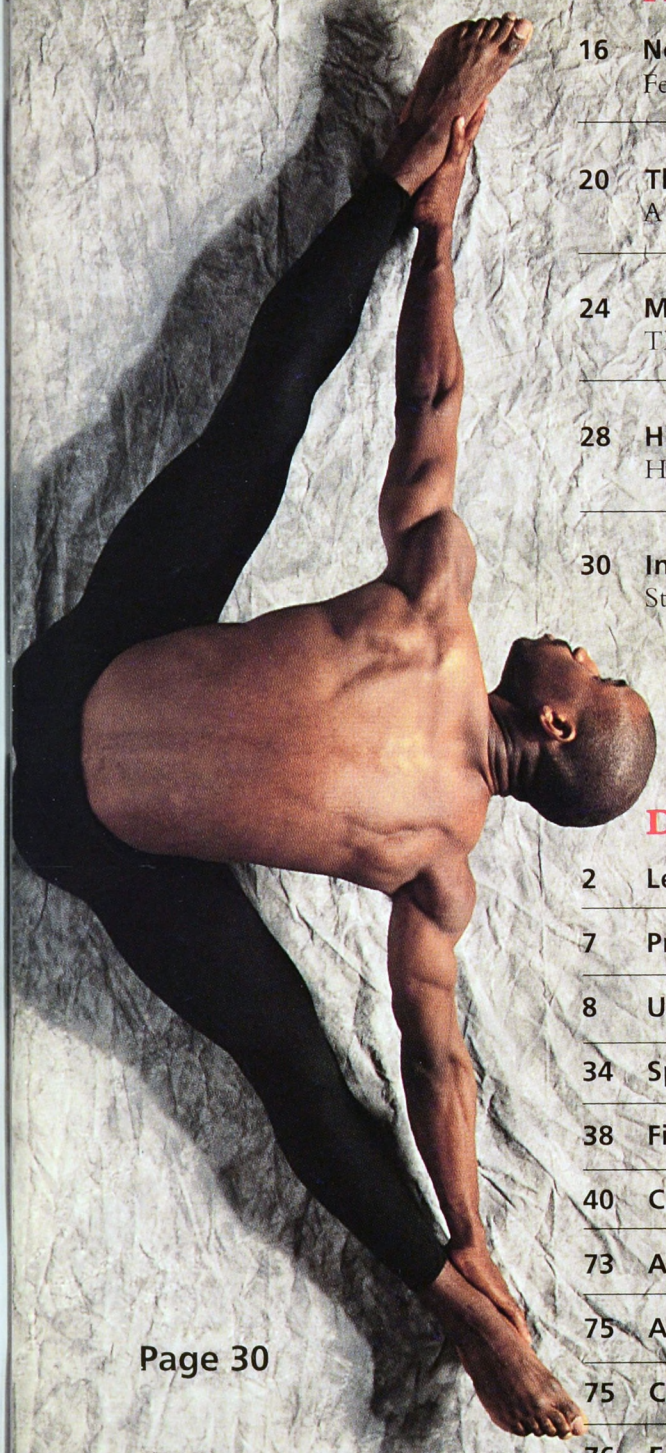

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Divergent Viewpoints Encouraged

Bravo to Professor Riess for his thoughts on "political correctness"; intolerance of any form should be suspect. One day a couple of years ago, I was waiting outside Addison Family Court about to embark on my first strange journey into the realm of family law. I was speaking to a gentleman who was representing himself in his divorce. He was disturbed by the "political" climate surrounding the Family Court. He felt he needed to watch every word and every conceivable nuance with his future ex-wife, her attorney, and everyone else involved. We discussed the matter and his statement to me was, as he shook his head disgustedly, "It's a fine line between political correctness and fascism." I mentioned this conversation to my wife that evening and did not give it much more thought, until today, that is.

Professor Riess touches on two important points: one, dogma can be bad, and a second related point, opposition is good. (Remember 10th *Federalist* and the danger of factions, and "the tyranny of the majority," with apologies to Professor Dry.) One can be offended by someone's "politically incorrect" statement; one can discount the validity of that statement, but one should never discount the importance of having the "freedom" to make such a statement, no matter how distasteful some of the results might be. Howard Stern or Rush Limbaugh send the PC folks screaming from the room every time they open their mouths. They do not have many productive or enlightening things to say, but to some people they are entertaining. We are fortunate to live in a society that is insightful enough to eventually recognize and mitigate the effects of dogma, intolerance, or censorship. Pat Buchanan will never be elected to national office, neither will Bernie Sanders, but the fact that our system can accommodate two such divergent viewpoints should be encouraging, that while lots of "lines" are being drawn, not many people pay attention to them.

John M. Kirk III '86
Cornwall, Vermont

The Struggle for Understanding

It is with the greatest respect that I write to comment on the two-generation article by Hans and Marc Riess in the winter 1997 issue. In light of the story Hans Riess tells, my comments are of small significance, if any. Still, for the record, Germany's last democratic elections before Hitler took place in November 1932. How democratic were the results, when a majority of voters chose Nazi or Communist candidates, can be debated. Former Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg was reelected Reich president in April 1932. His seven-year term would have expired in 1939, had he lived it out. The Reichstag fire occurred on the night of February 27-28, 1933, and historical opinion remains divided as to whether the Nazis actually started the conflagration. Although badly damaged, the Reichstag stood for the next twelve years, its

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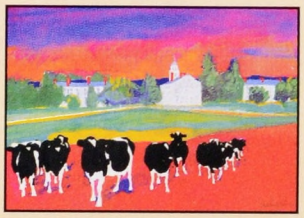

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dereliction a sign of Nazi contempt for the parliamentary traditions of the Weimar Republic.

Perhaps because of the notorious Reichstag fire trial in which Communist guilt was alleged (but not proven), the building became the chief symbolic objective of the Soviet assault on Berlin in 1945. Thus the famous (reenacted) victory photograph by Yevgeny Khaldei. In Nazi ideology and propaganda, as Hans Riess indicates, Jews and Communists were not separate species, but represented one and the same evil. Most Germans, at the time, did not accept this representation. Few Communists, in 1933 or after, benefited from the simple human decency that saved some of Berlin's, and Germany's, Jews.

The far larger point of the Riess essays, pater and fils, is the continuing difficulty, if not impossibility, of comprehending the experience of the Third Reich and the Holocaust. It is for this reason that Germany as a nation, and every German I know personally, struggles either with memory or for understanding. No city is more steeped in memory, no city demands, yet defies understanding more than Berlin. One can love this city and loathe beyond description what happened there. No retrospection, save by those who were there, can compensate or equal what was suffered and what was lost. The photograph of Hans Riess as a schoolboy, in a back garden which is so typically *berlinisch,* shows exactly what was lost. We see the same thing, for all Europe the Nazis occupied, when we visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington. My German friends, many of whom work in museums and at memorial sites, strive every day to insure that forgetting will never succeed. This is but a gesture, but at least a gesture, toward atonement.

James J. Ward '66
Center Valley, Pennsylvania

Scholarship Questioned

On the basis of George Carey's comment about Horace Beck in the winter *Middlebury Magazine* that "at times he's off on a toot, running down some ethnic group or other," I am deeply concerned to learn that Beck is being honored by a scholarship in his name, and I am gratified that the College has now begun to consider the issue of what criteria are appropriate to be followed in selecting someone to be so honored.

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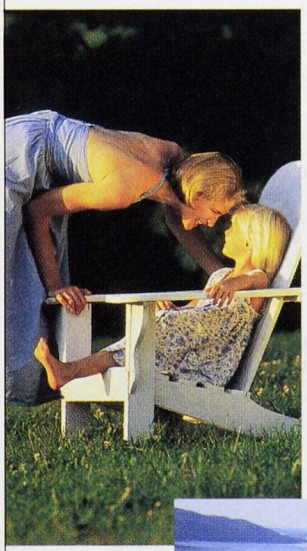

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Honor Teaching, Not Bigotry

Several people have asked if it was a coincidence that my father's and my pieces on intolerance appeared in the same issue of the magazine as the announcement of a scholarship honoring Horace Beck. Others suggested that the juxtaposition was ironic.

I hesitate to respond because I personally do not know Professor Beck. However, a number of colleagues whom I respect and who do know him have told me that they have had personal experiences with Beck's bigotry and intolerance. I have therefore asked myself, "Should Middlebury College honor someone who was bigoted with a scholarship in his or her name?"

I am also told, sometimes by the same people who experienced Professor Beck's bigotry, that he had myriad good qualities, including many aspects of his teaching and scholarship. This is also apparent from the pieces on Beck in the magazine. One point I was trying to make in my piece is that, although we sometimes need to draw lines on intolerance, we must be careful in doing so. Do we allow ourselves to become overly dogmatic and intolerant while bemoaning the intolerance and dogmatism of others?

We are all complex individuals, with our own strengths and weaknesses. Just as I love and can even honor my prejudiced relatives despite their bigotry and enjoy Richard Wagner's music despite his anti-Semitism, I think it good that Middlebury College honor an "inspiring teacher" and scholar, be it Professor Beck or (almost) anyone else. I sincerely hope, however, that we make it clear that we are not honoring bigotry.

Marc Riess, Professor of Psychology, Middlebury College

Where's the Folklore?

I perused with pleasure the great article on Horace Beck in the winter edition of the magazine, well written, well photographed, and well overdue. Over the years I have heard dozens of solid students tell about Beck's fascinating classes, the only problem was usually that the class was full and you couldn't get in. Just to check up on Horace, I went various times over to the dean's office to take a look at the list of faculty publications, and watched Beck's bibliography grow over the years, books, papers, reviews, lectures.... He had by far the longest list of published materials of any faculty person, without fluff, and he is recognized nationally as an important figure in the area of folklore.

So my question is quite natural: Who is the current professor of folklore in the American literature department where Beck taught since 1956? Answer: No professor, no folklore, and no explanation at all. I don't remember any discussion in faculty meeting about canceling this field, and Beck tells me he was never consulted. Economics, because we couldn't afford the position? Or politics, because Beck was not a faculty politician?

William Harris, Professor Emeritus, Classics Middlebury College

Intolerance Condemned

In "My Mentor: Horace Beck" (winter 1997 issue), George Carey '58 writes that our emeritus colleague is at times "off on a toot, running down some ethnic group or other." The Faculty Council wishes to state that it does not share this lighthearted view of ethnic intolerance, nor is that view consistent with the College's policy on harassment, which condemns "discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, physical ability, or age." According to this policy, harrassment includes "repeated slurs, or taunts in the guise of jokes, or disparaging references to others ... based on sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnic

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origin, religion, physical ability, or age"—in sum, behavior that insults the dignity of others and interferes with their freedom to learn or work.*

"Running down some ethnic group or other" is never a tolerable activity, nor merely a "toot." We affirm here our commitment to Middlebury's ongoing efforts—yet incomplete—to create a community in which an increasingly diverse population of students, faculty, and staff may live and work in peace, dignity, and mutual respect.

The Faculty Council
Susan Campbell, Tamar Mayer, Michael Olinick, Kirsten Powell, Robert Schine, Timothy Spears, Allison Stanger, O. Larry Yarbrough

*The College's harrassment policy may be read in its entirety on the World Wide Web at http://www.middlebury.edu/~publish/hdbk/appendices/harass_policy.html.

Scholarship Does Disservice

I was chagrined to learn that Middlebury is thinking of honoring Prof. Horace Beck with a scholarship in his name for a student "who most closely reflects the interests of Horace Beck: American folklore, hunting, sailing, and competitive ice hockey." As a parent of two sons who graduated from Middlebury College, and as a former teacher at both the Bread Loaf School of English and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, I want to register my dismay that the College would actually want to honor a man whom I remember as particularly anti-Semitic, anti-Italian, and even anti-social. When I was being interviewed for a position in American literature, I remember how uncomfortable Beck made me feel because of my Italian surname, but I thought: This man is an anomaly. Middlebury is better than this, and I sent my sons there to be educated. But now to hear that this man who—as George Carey says—sometimes goes off on a toot about one racial or ethnic group or another as though this were little more than a tic of some kind, is to do a radical disservice to many of your students and colleagues. It would be a travesty for Beck to be honored, especially for the strange amalgam of "virtues" cited in your article. I hope the College will reconsider naming one of its scholarships in this man's honor. In all my years as a teacher and scholar I have never come across anyone who made me feel as marginalized as this man did.

Paul Mariani, Distinguished University Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts

An Older Otter

The pictures accompanying Jay Heinrichs' article "Deep Draft" indicate the existence of a firm apparently known as Otter Creek Brewing. In the spring of 1964, I have pictorial records of a group, including Spencer Jackson, David Jensen, Bob Dorf, and me, brewing beer which was labeled "Old Otter" with Moose Provoncha in the kitchen of his home. The brew was mixed in an old crock and stirred with a slightly muddy baseball bat. It was bottled and put away for the summer in Moose's basement. In the fall he reported having awakened one hot August night to hear a strange popping noise. Several bottles survived, and were consumed when we returned in the fall. No one died from drinking Old Otter, but our group claims ownership rights to

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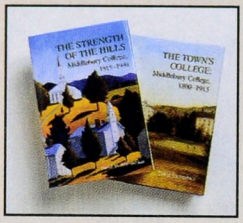

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Dick Miller '65
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Nostalgia or Independent Thinking?

What do you suppose the "deepest lessons" are to which your columnist Elizabeth Morgan refers in the last sentence of her "Educated Opinion" article in the winter alumni magazine? It sounds to me as though the lessons are mostly about the different varieties of nostalgia one can develop for one's college campus—she'll miss the lovely sartorial displays, the dining halls, the landscape, etc. I can see how an alumni magazine would want to foster this sort of thing, but when the college expresses itself to the students as the ending to so many things and beginning, principally, of high-grade nostalgia, I think something is a bit amiss. I don't think that your student columnist is particularly at fault in any of this; instead, I think it's time the faculty examined this sort of writing for what it communicates about the lessons they're teaching. If four years at Middlebury is to be thought of as a vanishing pastoral idyll, then students will oblige in exactly Ms. Morgan's style (as I did), but such a frame for their experience, I think, won't be of any help to them. In my opinion, they could profit much more from an education resulting in inquisitive, skeptical, independent thinking, one that might cause them to examine that lovely romantic strain in Ms. Morgan's piece rather than simply accept it as the truth of things.
Theo Padnos '91
Amherst, Massachusetts

What Nobler Cause?

I just received my fall issue of the *Middlebury Magazine*. I am currently doing army reserve duty on the Golan Heights. The magazine arrived at a good time and has provided a pleasant break in the daily routine.

I'd like to respond directly to several articles in the issue and indirectly to the letters of Bob Peskin and Guy Kettelhack. While I'm sure that my opinions are just as subjective as Bob's and Guy's, I have no intention of being either churlish or charming.

To be perfectly honest, after almost 19 years in the Middle East, I find it difficult to get excited about articles dealing with fraternities, reunions, Vermont country stores, development squabbles, and swimming pools. I don't mean to offend Bob or the vast majority of alumni who find great interest in such articles. On the other hand, Guy

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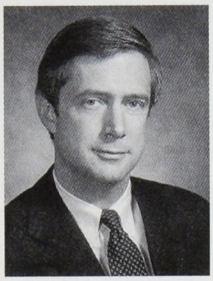

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by John M. McCardell, Jr.

COST, PRICE, AND VALUE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

A recent national magazine cover story on the cost of higher education posed the following question to a university president: "If you could cut tuition without sacrificing anything, would you?" The answer given was the only answer that could be given: of course. The question, however, was flawed. It assumed that the fees charged by colleges like Middlebury somehow exceeded the actual cost of the education provided. It asserted that spending from endowment could supplant fee income. It implied that higher education's costs were the result of "amenities" that might well be done without. As a result, much of the story, which undoubtedly sold many magazines, in fact communicated a fundamental misunderstanding of the economics of higher education.

Let us look in turn at each of the flaws embedded in the question. It actually costs Middlebury College more than $40,000 to educate each undergraduate student (the remainder of our budget supports our summer programs and schools abroad). Our fee this year is $28,240. We thus began the fiscal year with a deficit of almost $12,000 per student. We are, I believe, the only part of the private sector that is expected to deliver a product far below its actual cost for a customer base that includes some families who could pay more. Yet no matter what our costs may be, if we price our product too far above our competition, we risk losing applicants. Thus, we work to close the gap between cost and price by soliciting gifts from parents and alumni and by drawing on the earnings of our endowment. These funds, in enabling us to balance our budget, also permit us to maintain need-blind admissions and to meet the full need of every admitted student. The average grant to members of the Class of 2000 was $16,000. The fragility of the enterprise becomes immediately apparent if one contemplates the consequences of an economic downturn.

That is why alumni and parent participation in the Annual Fund is critical. That is also why it is important not to spend imprudently from the endowment. Our trustees have established a maximum annual expenditure from endowment of 5 percent of the average value during the preceding 12 quarters. This approach provides a steady, reasonably predictable stream of revenue while allowing the endowment to grow, thus maintaining its purchasing power. As the value of our endowment approaches $500 million, we may appear wealthy. In fact, were we to rely solely on our endowment to support our annual operating budget, we would be out of business in about four years. It is simply misguided to believe that a higher level of endowment spending would either reduce our price or maintain financial health over the long term. At the same time, it is absolutely critical that we build our endowment as we pursue our goal of having the annual increase in our fee track with the inflation rate (the increase for next year will be 3.9 percent; the CPI for 1996 was 3.3 percent).

What does the $40,000 per student pay for? Approximately half goes to pay salaries. Ours is a labor-intensive enterprise. We seek to recruit and retain the very strongest faculty, and what we are able to pay those who help to develop tomorrow's leaders has everything to do with the quality of the education our students receive. Our faculty salaries have not kept pace with our competition. I want very much to improve our salary structure, and would choose speeding that improvement over reducing the cost of a Middlebury education.

The rest of the $40,000 goes to support our educational program, which, because we are a residential college, we define broadly. It includes, of course, the work of the classroom, laboratory, and library, but it also involves the dormitory, the dining hall, and the playing field. At Middlebury, education takes place around the clock, and all the time. Our residence halls, dining spaces, and athletic facilities are not "amenities"; they are a central part of what we mean by education.

My colleague Mike Schoenfeld '73 made this observation about the distinction between amenities and necessities. In 1970, the fee was

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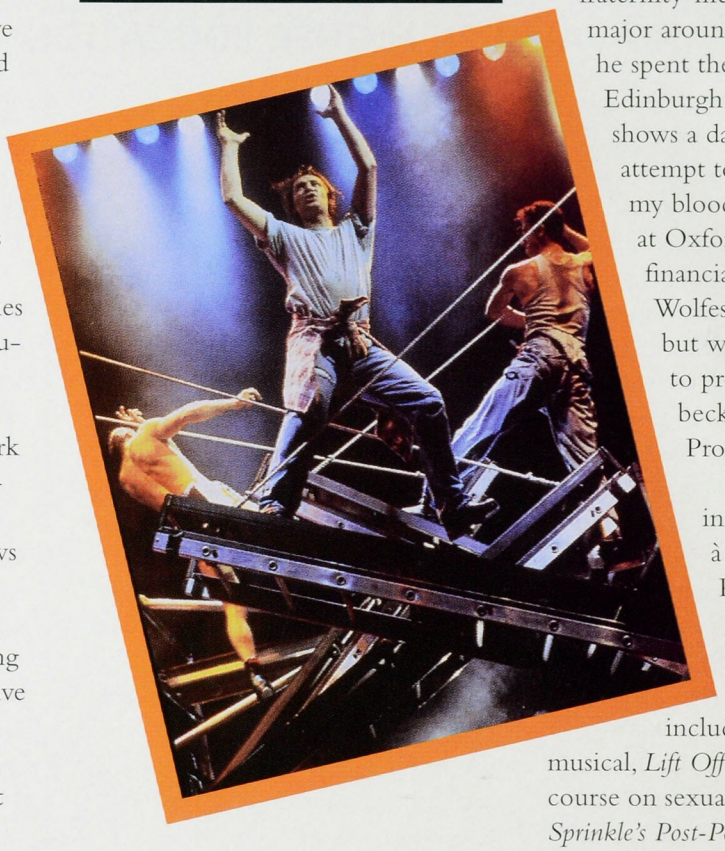
UPHILL DOWNHILL

TAP DOGS

Watching from the set of "Live with Regis and Kathy Lee" as six young Australian men tap dance with Cindy Crawford might sound like the exact opposite of an economics major turned investment banker's typical experience. But Peter Holmes à Court '90 enjoys creating opportunity out of opposites. A director of Back Row Productions, Holmes à Court recently brought to New York *Tap Dogs,* an industrial-strength, all-male, tap dance musical. It's now playing off Broadway to rave reviews after touring 87 cities and nine countries with its troupe of young Aussie dancers. But before becoming a producer, the Perth, Australia, native came to Middlebury to study economics.

"I looked at a map of Vermont and of Perth and I saw they were antipodes—the exact opposite of each other on the globe. Perth is a desert state, five times the size of Texas, and Vermont is the size of some Australian farms. So I came."



He arrived at Middlebury planning to study for a year, then go to university in Australia.

The opposite occurred—he stayed, majoring in economics with a concentration in theatre, as "possibly the only rugby-playing, fraternity-member, acting econ major around." After graduation he spent the summer at the Edinburgh Festival doing three shows a day, he says, "in an attempt to get theatre out of my blood." He then read law at Oxford and became a financial analyst for James D. Wolfesohn in New York, but when the opportunity to produce theatre beckoned, Back Row Productions was created.

Since its inception in 1992, Peter Holmes à Court/Back Row Productions has produced a variety of nontraditional theatre events, including a children's musical, *Lift Off Live,* and the discourse on sexual awakening, *Annie Sprinkle's Post-Porn Modernism,* but *Tap Dogs* seems certain to be its most visible production yet. Already the show has received remarkable press attention, including appearances on "Ellen," "The Tonight Show," "Good Morning America," CNN, and, of course, "Regis and Kathy Lee." But the man responsible for bringing what *Time Out London* calls the "reinvention of tap dancing for the 90's" to New York doesn't have a dance background. "The closest I got to dance was raising and lowering the curtain at Middlebury for a dance performance," he says. In other words—just the opposite. ■

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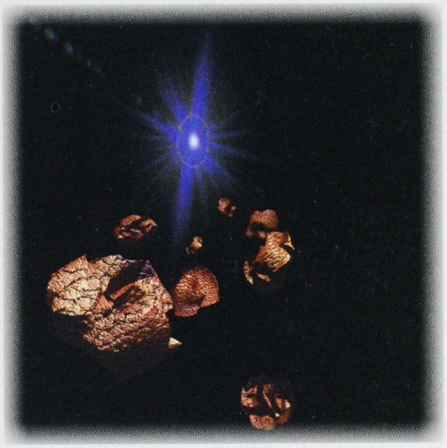
ASTEROID!!!

As the millennium approaches, asteroid angst is orbiting in our consciousness, thanks in part to a recent media fixation on the possibility of an asteroid striking the Earth and its doomsday consequences.

Don Yeomans '64, an astronomer at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, California, has some good news and some bad news about whether Mother Earth is on a collision course with The Big One. He's been working with the Spaceguard Foundation, an association aimed at protecting the Earth against the bombardment of comets and asteroids, or Near Earth Objects (NEOs), researching the destructive potential of approximately 1,700 large asteroids.



"We actually get hit with 27 tons of comet dust every day, much of it from house-sized objects that enter the atmosphere and burn up long before hitting the Earth. So the idea of comets crossing our path is not improbable—it happens every day. It's the objects over a mile in size that hit every several million years that are dangerous," says Yeomans. He estimates that of these 1,700 asteroids, 150 are known *not* to be headed our way. "We're working on the rest."

Don Yeomans is the only Middlebury graduate we know to have an asteroid, 2956 Yeomans, named in his honor. Its benign positioning between Mars and Jupiter guarantees it won't come crashing into a yard near you. And he's not too worried about a yet unknown asteroid destroying the Earth. "Rogue comets don't keep me up at night. My teenage son staying out late—that keeps me up at night." ■

TEA FOR TWO VARIATIONS

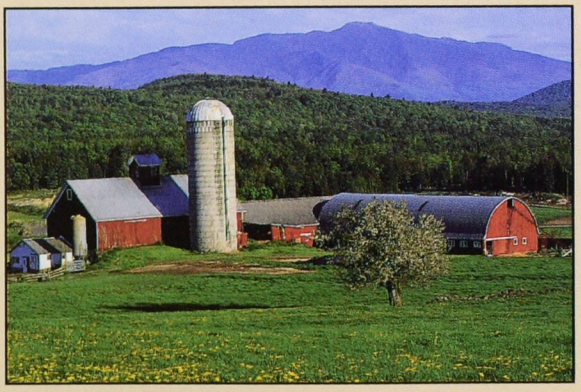
IN MIDDLEBURY

Dinner at Dog Team Tavern (for two)
Wine, soup, sticky buns, salad, one prime rib, one scrod, mashed potato, loaf of home-baked bread, coke, coffee
Cost (including gratuity): $28

Entertainment
Play by Chilean playwright Jorge Diaz, *The Toothbrush*, directed and translated from the Spanish by Coert Voorhees '97
Two tickets @ $1
Cost: $2

Transportation
Car to the restaurant
Sled and foot from dorm to Center for the Arts
Cost: $1

TOTAL COST OF EVENING (for two): $31



IN MANHATTAN

Dinner at Marion's on the Bowery (for two)
Glass of wine, two beers, one bouillabaisse, one Chilean sea bass, pistachio ice cream
Cost (including gratuity): $63

Entertainment
***Rent* on Broadway, Nederlander Theatre**
Two tickets @ $75
plus service charge, $4 each
Cost: $158

Transportation
Cab to and from theatre
Cost: $16

TOTAL COST OF EVENING (for two): $237

Photographs by Alan Jakubek

broadcast news

The TV news biz has much to thank Middlebury for. A recent computer sort revealed that 148 alums work in the TV/radio sector. Why are Midds so drawn to, and so good at, broadcast news? **Elizabeth Farnsworth '65,** the chief

Elizabeth Farnsworth '65

correspondent and substitute anchor for "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS, thinks it's due to the rigorous, wide-ranging liberal arts education. "I owe so much of my work at the 'News Hour' to Middlebury," she says. "Pardon Tillinghast was such a rigorous mentor; he made me rewrite my thesis five times! We had contemporary civilization as freshmen, which made us debate issues about human freedom and civil liberties. I can't tell you how many times I thank my education."

Other heavy hitters in the TV news business include: **Edie Magnus '79**, who recently joined NBC News after many years at CBS News. She will now anchor MSNBC's daytime programming and contribute to "Dateline NBC." Magnus, who now spends five days a week on the air, says, "It's two hours live every day. Very intense, but a lot of fun."

CBS is a regular hotbed of Middlebury alums. Leading the pack is **Judy Hole Suratt '61**, who "walked out of Middlebury and into CBS News." Suratt is now the producer for "CBS News Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood." According to **Katherine Davis Holzman '87,** a producer at "48 Hours," "Midd was the perfect training ground because what you really need in this business

Judy Hole Suratt '61 in Moscow for "CBS This Morning," covering President Clinton's 1991 summit with President Yeltsin

Edie Magnus '79

is a good liberal arts background." **Mary Sue Holland '86,** associate producer for "48 Hours," agrees: "At Midd and in the news business, we had to write from the day we walked in the door." **Jennifer Laird '83** is also a producer for CBS.

Head honcho at Turner Broadcasting is **Terry McGuirk '73.** And Midds are increasingly setting the pace at CNN: Middlebury trustee **Frank Sesno '77** is Washington bureau chief and vice president of CNN. **Jeanne Meserve '74** is an anchor/correspondent who began her journalism career at Middlebury because "I had a crush on somebody at the radio station." The high point of her broadcasting career? "I was just back from maternity leave when Yitzak Rabin was assassinated. As tragic an event as this was for me personally—I spent a lot of time in Israel and covered foreign affairs for ABC—everything clicked. I even remembered my political science class with Russ Leng. Our network did a great job. King Hussein called us to be on the air. We had Kissinger, Carter, top officials from our government and the Israeli government." Also at CNN is **Eric Gonon '86,** a senior producer in New York, and **Andrea Koppell '85**, Beijing bureau chief correspondent for CNN International.

Ruth Oxenberg '82, producer of "World News Tonight" at ABC, spent her junior Midd year in Moscow. "There is nothing like being able to

Jeanne Meserve '74

Katherine Davis Holzman '87, producer of "48 Hours," with wetsuit inventor Jack O'Neill

say, 'I learned Russian at Middlebury.' It got me in the door." With the benefit of her language skills, she was a translator for the ABC Sports Olympic Unit, then opened an office for Ted Turner in Moscow. She went to Moscow with Tom Brokaw several times, and

Frank Sesno '77

in 1991 she moved into domestic broadcast work—doing "both feature stories and day of air crashes" (breaking news). **Richard Coolidge '87** another ABC news producer, works with Jim McWethy, the national security correspondent. "Day of air crashes" are his stock in trade. "You can get done with a piece at 6:29, then watch it on the air at 6:30; to actually see the end result . . . is very rewarding." ■

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Front and Center

Two of the nationwide winners of Watson Fellowships for 1997-98 are about-to-be Midd grads **Maciej Ceglowski '97** and **Renee Kuriyan '97.** The highly competitive award program gives $18,000 to each fellow for travel and study outside the U.S. Ceglowski, a double studio art/Russian major, will paint, according to his proposed "Painting in Northern and Southern Light," which will take him from Scotland to Morocco. Kuriyan, a joint environmental studies/anthropology major, will study "The Environmental Practices of Refugees" in Kenya, Malawi, and Mozambique.

Coert Voorhees '97, a joint theatre/Spanish major, is about to head off to Chile to use the Fulbright grant he won a year ago. He'll explore further his interest in Jorge Díaz, with whom he will work in person and whose play *The Toothbrush: Or Stranded in the Amusement Park* Voorhees translated from Spanish and directed on campus.

Daniel O'Brien '96, now completing his 1996-97 Watson as a playwright in Ireland, has won the National Student Playwriting Award of the American College Theatre Festival for *The Last Supper Restoration*. Originally written and produced at Middlebury, the play was performed by the College cast, with Coert Voorhees '97 in the lead role, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., during April.

Filip Jirousek '98 represented his country, the Czech Republic, at the World University Games this winter in South Korea. He helped his national hockey team come home winners.

The grownups are coming in for their share of praise, too. History professor **Marjorie Lamberti** has received a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for the academic year 1997-98, one of 30 fellowships awarded to a total of 640 applicants. She will go to the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., to work on a book entitled *Schoolteachers, Educational Reform, and the Politics of Culture in Weimar Germany*. During her previous sabbatical in 1992-93 she was a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. ■

The Mathematics of Midd Marriage

Call them hopeless romantics. Call them fervent Midd supporters. Whatever you call them, realize that these students can back up their idealism with firm hard facts. Pages of them.

When Jonathan Abodeely '99 and Kristofer Doucette '99 saw *The First Wives Club,* they felt that the depiction of three supposedly Middlebury alumni with broken marriages just didn't conform to reality. So they set about proving their point. Mathematically.

Both were students in a statistics course, Economics 210, with Professor Paul Sommers. As a project they decided to compare the divorce rate of Middlebury alumni with that of the population as a whole. According to their professor, "It was a great job for a statistics project. It was statistically sound and interesting to boot." The results?

"The Middlebury divorce rate was lower in every decade except the fifties," explains Jonathan Abodeely. For example, alumni married in the forties experienced a divorce rate of 17 percent; the national average was 24 percent. Alumni married in the seventies experienced a 24 percent divorce rate; the national average was 49 percent.

"We just thought the College should know that Middlebury makes marriages that last," they report. Middlebury also makes good statisticians. They got an A. ■

Photographs by Alan Jakubek (top) and Bob Handelman

Gimpel the Fool

Isaac Bashevis Singer may not have envisioned his short story "Gimpel the Fool" as an opera, but a host of Middlebury students did. The January production provided the culmination of more than a year of effort and talent in that most encompassing of art forms: the opera—this one with libretto, music, lighting, sets, costumes, and performances all by Middlebury students.

"As far as I know, this is a Middlebury first," says Robert Pack, "the first opera composed by an individual or group at Middlebury."

The project began in winter term of 1996, when Su Lian Tan of the music department and Pack of the English department jointly offered a course in writing an opera libretto. Last fall the work continued, with Tan's advanced music composition class composing the overture, arias, and choruses, scored for the Middlebury College Orchestra. Two different theatre classes worked under assistant professor Mark Evancho to create and produce the lighting and sets, and eight students participated in the three act opera as elements of their senior projects. During winter term of 1997 Evan Bennett, a visiting instructor in music for the last four years, prepared the orchestra of 13 dedicated instrumentalists for their constant work during the performances, and the on-stage cast learned their roles and music, while the rest of the myriad details in the production were completed and polished.

"We wanted to teach a group of students some things about opera, but instead of having them write *critical papers,* we decided we'd do it by writing an *opera,*" Pack says.

The biggest challenge musically was creating a unified piece from the work of different group members. "We talked about literary motifs, which would be suggestive of musical motifs later," says Pack, and Tan continues, "It could be an emotion, a character, a personal trait. The students wrote snippets, sometimes a melody or a rhythmic mode and sometimes we thought in rather sophisticated terms—a pattern of half steps, for example."

With Tan as producer and Bennett as musical director, the production took shape. "The best part was to have all these people working together, collaborating in such a positive manner," Tan says. "It was remarkable for me as a teacher that they are liberal arts students, not conservatory students."

"I'm astonished that it happened," Pack says. "When I saw the opera the first night, I thought, 'My God, it's all come together.'" ■

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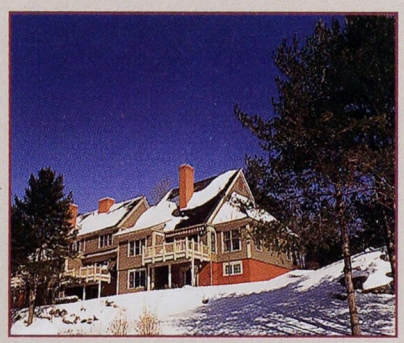

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Sports Roundup

When the NCAA Division III winter standings were posted at the end of March, a sigh of relief could be heard from some quarters: Middlebury had moved from ninth to eighth in the latest Sears Directors' Cup Standings. This annual ranking of college teams and the awarding of the Sears Directors' Cup is to sports programs what the *U.S. News & World Report* college ranking issue is to admissions programs: eagerly awaited, fiercely disputed, and, essentially, irrelevant to college sports.

While ranking eighth in the nation is nothing to sneeze at, Middlebury's season has been much better than this ranking indicates, as anyone who has followed Middlebury sports this year knows. For this ranking doesn't include non-NCAA postseason tournaments such as women's hockey or women's basketball, in which both of Middlebury's teams had phenomenal success. **Women's hockey** scored its second consecutive ECAC Alliance Championship, with a 34-0 league record over the past two years. Senior Jennifer Hefner was named ECAC Alliance player of the year for the second consecutive year. The **women's basketball** team won its second ECAC Championship and had a 20-7 record. Sophomore Chris Peterson led the team in scoring and hit the game-winning shot at the buzzer to boost the team to victory. **Men's hockey** grabbed its third consecutive NCAA Division III Championship with a 22-3-2 record. The team sports a 71-7-4 record over the past three years, led by this season's All-Americans: senior Sebastien Bilodeau and junior Chris Farion. In **men's basketball** first-year guard Joey Faucher was named NESCAC rookie of the year and co-ECAC (54 teams) rookie of the year.

The new pool inspired the **swimming and diving** teams: women were 5th, men 11th at NCAA Championships. Also, junior Heidi George won the National Championship in the 1,650-yard freestyle, and sophomore J.P. Gowdy won the National Championship in the 400-yard individual medley.

Last but never least, the **ski teams** placed sixth at the NCAA Championships. The teams were paced by first-year skiers Andrew Johnson and Adam Barron, along with senior Molly Enman, with all three gaining All-American status. Mia DeMattei received a lot of press attention this winter for more than her superb runs. This senior's ongoing battle with cancer was featured in television and newspaper stories nationwide.

Russell L. Reilly has been named director of athletics after completing his 19th season as head coach of men's basketball and a year after serving as associate director of athletics. Reilly has also coached men's and women's soccer and golf, and was recognized by the Institute for International Sport for his promotion of the ideals of ethics and fair play in sport and society. After a national search, President McCardell noted, "I am particularly proud that our search for the best athletics leadership we could find led us to a member of our own athletics staff." ■

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AGING AMERICA'S TOUGH CHOICES

The American population is not getting any younger. By the year 2000 over 35 million Americans will be age 65 and over, and nursing home populations are already reaching 2 million. Very soon, many of us will probably face the difficult task of choosing a nursing home for ourselves or a loved one. It's a decision that often leaves families feeling overwhelmed and unready. Bob Bua '87 is prepared to help.

Bua has recently completed *The Insider's Guide to America's Nursing Homes,* due out from Warner Books in October. The guide is a comprehensive look at every certified nursing home in America, providing state by state listings of the best nursing homes in the country. Each nursing home is ranked by county and state, according to its performance over four years of federal and state inspections.

"People looking for a nursing home all have the same questions," says Bua, a former Connecticut attorney turned nursing home administrator who feels he's providing people with the leverage to make the right decisions. "You need to see beyond a home's nice decor. Understand what the industry standards are. You should be able to say: 'You violated this standard. What will you do to remedy it?'"

Leaving the legal world for nursing home administration raised a few eyebrows, but it's been a satisfying decision, says Bua. "I'm so happy that people can be helped with something I created. People think it's a depressing field, but when you can have a positive impact on someone's life, it's the biggest thrill in the world." ■

Illustration by Elizabeth Pols

Every Word Counted

. . . and Counted . . . and Counted

Unbelievable. What a response to the winter issue's contest requesting words derived from "Middlebury College"! We heard from former undergrads and grad students, parents of current and past students, present staffers and retired emeriti spouses, professors, teachers, writers, a scientist, a U.S. State Department official, the retired, and the young unemployed.

Some sent us neatly typed and alphabetized lists; some sent pencil scribblings ("You didn't say it had to be neat!" wrote Barbara Bishop '49). One, Leslie Peterson Limon '68, a French major who is now a writer, sent a story containing her more than 500 words; even the characters' names could be spelled from Middlebury College, although she knew proper names couldn't count in the word total.

That concern for playing by the rules was frequently mentioned by our contestants. Several suggested ways to make the contest more difficult—only count words with more than six letters or only one form of each word. Many asserted, unasked, they had *not* used a computer or a dictionary to help generate their lists.

Did they love doing this? Well . . .

"If I don't send this stuff in, I'll mess with it for the rest of my natural life, which would no doubt be far shortened." Woody (Charles Woodbridge) Hickcox '64

"I enjoyed the time spent playing with words, although it was a lot like harvesting a row of potatoes. No matter how long and carefully you look, there's a nagging sense that if you look again you'll find more." Carol Lyall P'00

"There were perhaps more important tasks awaiting, but ..." Joan Freeman '54

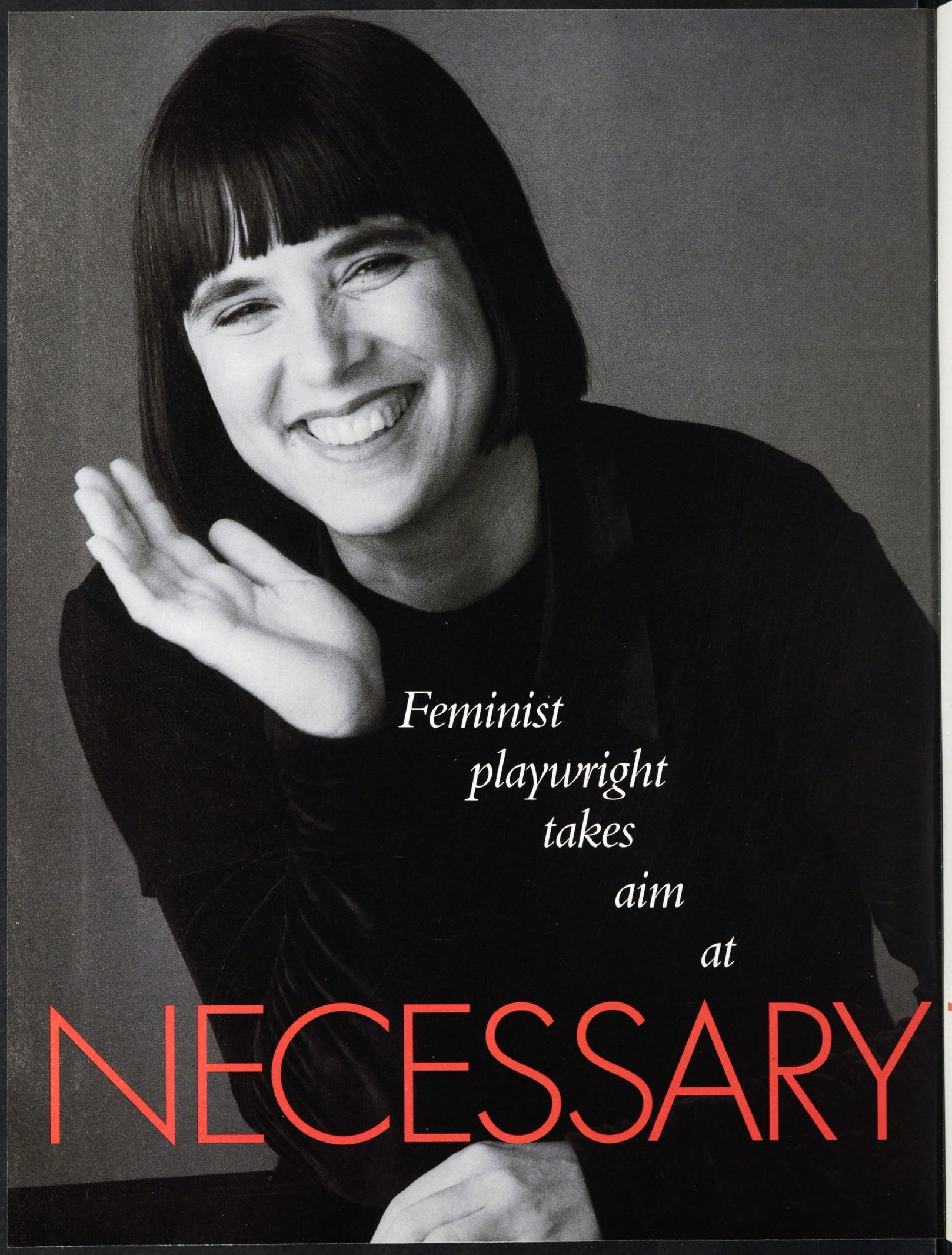
"I got the *Midd Magazine* yesterday, and have thought of virtually nothing but this word game since." Nancy Morgan Serpa '72

"I spent half my time at work today compiling this list. Please, no more derivative games. I beg you." Kristopher Johnson '91

Here are some examples of what they found.

College words: coed, degree, dorm, glee club, idyll, lyceum
Musical words: do re mi, dulcimer, lyre, melody, yodel
Psychological words: coy, demure, docile, dour, greedy, morbid
Scientific words: cerebellum, cyborg, deduce, microbe, molecule
Animal words: emu, gerbil, lemur
Refrigerator words: cider, legume, moldy
Colorful words: blue, ecru, ruddy, umber
Environmental words: berm, iceberg, rill
People words: collier, druid, emigre, emir, idol, roué, yogi
Rocky (and Rocky) words: climb, gold, ledge, lucre, ore, yo

Our winner: Will Laidley, parent of Zachary Laidley '95, sent in more than 1,100 words with roots in Middlebury College. A volume of poetry by a Middlebury professor is on its way to this master wordsmith. Congratulations to our winner, and thanks to everyone who entered the contest. Your enthusiasm is matched by our incredulity at your endeavors. ■


Feminist playwright takes aim at
NECESSARY

TARGETS

By Charles C. Smith

THESE ARE THE MADE-IN-HEAVEN DAYS, when you've got a new show on Broadway, you're schmoozing with Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn, and it's all raising money for a cause dear to your heart. Then there are the trying days, when the *New York Times* balks at running your ad because your title is too racy. A radical feminist playwright never knows what to expect.

For Eve Ensler '75, the Broadway/Streep/Hawn experience last fall was the payoff for a long artistic and political effort. The place was New York's Helen Hayes Theatre. The occasion was a benefit performance to raise funds for Bosnian war victims. The event was a reading of Ensler's *Necessary Targets*, a wrenching drama about women and war, specifically about women brutalized in rape camps during the war in Bosnia.

"In 1993," Ensler recalls, "I saw a picture on the cover of *Newsday* of six totally traumatized girls who had just been returned from rape camps, and I freaked out. I couldn't believe that rape was being used as a systematic tactic of war in the middle of Europe in 1993."

It was an atrocity demanding a response from a writer who has never stopped thinking of herself as a radical feminist, and has never stopped believing in a natural connection between art and politics. She persuaded a Hollywood production company to fly her overseas to investigate the war experiences of women in the dismembered Yugoslavia. "In 1994, I spent two months in Croatia and Pakistan interviewing Bosnian women refugees. Then I went back again last summer to Bosnia and spent quite some time interviewing women who have worked with rape victims during the war."

Out of that research came what Ensler describes as a play about "an American psychiatrist who goes on a mission to 'help' Bosnian refugees who have been traumatized, goes to save them and in the process really saves herself." After a *Necessary Targets* reading at the Public Theatre, an official of the International Rescue Committee asked Ensler to arrange a benefit performance. Meryl Streep agreed to portray the psychiatrist, and other stars—Anjelica Huston, Cherry Jones, Lois Smith, John Cullum—quickly filled out the cast. "It was truly one of the great nights of my life," Ensler beams. "The prime minister of Bosnia was there. Madeleine Albright was there. We raised tons of money for Bosnian refugees."

Photographs by Susan Johann

About the same time she was putting together this political and artistic triumph, Ensler was also opening a one-woman show at a theatre in SoHo. She had toured the piece around the country for three years and felt she was ready to do it in New York. But New York, or at least the *New York Times*, wasn't sure it was ready for her. The title of her show, *The Vagina Monologues*, raised some eyebrows in the newspaper's advertising department. "They said they couldn't run the ad," Ensler laughs. "Then somebody told them, 'We reviewed it,' so it was okay."

The *Times* didn't just review *The Vagina Monologues*, it raved about the show: "Sex just doesn't get funnier or more poignant than this."

The title of the play pretty much speaks for itself. In a series of monologues, Ensler portrays women of different ages, social classes, and ethnic backgrounds, all talking about a range of deeply personal and intensely political topics from the horror of rape to the primal majesty of childbirth, from the wry comedy of body image issues to the raw delight of sexual discovery. It's a play about women's power and women's vulnerability, and the intimate connection between the two. It's a play that transforms the familiar phrase "The personal is political" from a shopworn slogan into hard-won truth.

"I was outrageous and I was too hot-tempered . . . [but] I don't regret a minute of it. I feel proud of the legacy and proud of the work we did."

Art and feminist politics were already a matched pair for Ensler during her years as a Middlebury campus radical in the mid-seventies. She was a poet in those days, not yet a playwright, though already immersed in theatre as an actor and director. (Eventually, she says, "My poetry writing merged with my directing and it became play writing.") She worked on a feminist literary journal, organized poetry readings at a campus coffeehouse, and devoted herself to the Women's Action Coalition. With the war in Vietnam winding down, and political activists refocusing their energies on new issues, her attention shifted primarily to feminist causes. Feminism, that is, viewing public issues and worldviews in terms of their meaning for women's lives, remains her central political passion to this day.

By concentrating in *Necessary Targets* on the suffering of women refugees, Ensler casts the war in Bosnia as a feminist issue. The same perspective has shaped her writing on other political topics. *Depot*, her Reagan-era play about nuclear weapons, offered a feminist take on the disarmament cause. A one-woman play starring Shirley Knight and directed by Joanne Woodward, *Depot* toured for two years, playing venues as diverse as the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and a nuclear test site in Nevada. *Ladies*, which debuted off-Broadway in 1989, identified homelessness as a

feminist issue by dramatizing the lives of women in a city shelter. The author estimates benefit performances of that play have raised $50,000 for homeless women.

Like *Necessary Targets*, those two earlier plays were not stand-alone products. What Ensler brought to the stage, she was taking to the streets at the same time. During the two years that *Depot* toured the country, the playwright was heavily involved in antinuclear demonstrations. "I got arrested a lot," she remembers fondly. "I protested at a lot of nuclear sites." *Ladies* evolved from her years of volunteer work at a New York City shelter. "I fell in love with homeless women, and fell in love with their struggle. I really identify with their struggle."

Ensler traces this sense of identification back to her abusive childhood. "I always felt homeless. When I first met homeless women and I first sat in a shelter, it was the first time I ever felt at home. It was this bizarre irony and deep connection." The connection continues 10 years later—Ensler is still volunteering at the shelter, conducting a weekly rape recovery group for homeless women.

As a student, Ensler says, "I don't know if I consciously knew that my life was going to be about the struggle to bring art and politics together. But I knew I had these two very distinct sides that were trying to figure out a way to live together in my body. I didn't know how they were going to, which was a lot of my madness in those days, feeling like I didn't know how to fulfill either one of them."

She remembers her mad artist/activist undergraduate self as fiery and frequently out of control. "I was outrageous and I was too hot-tempered. A lot of my thinking was very compulsive and alcoholic. I didn't have the ability to sustain complex thinking when my emotional buttons got pushed. I was much more reactive. I was young."

Not that she's recanting any of her youthful campus activism. "I don't regret a minute of it. I feel proud of the legacy and proud of the work we did. My personality in the political work could have used some improvement."

The main problems distorting her personality then were alcoholism and suicidal depression. She didn't even aspire to sobriety as a college student, and didn't achieve it until the year after graduation, but she does credit her teachers at Middlebury with helping her keep the suicide demons at bay.

"My senior year, they let me do an independent project," she says, "and I was really supported in developing my own thinking, which I am deeply appreciative for. I didn't go to classes, and I wrote this huge thesis. It was a literary and psychoanalytical investigation of suicide in contemporary American poetry. I studied Sylvia Plath and John Berryman.

"I was very depressed in those days and very alcoholic and very crazy. So doing that was a way of my not killing myself. It brought them into the world of psychoanalysis, and looking at suicide from that point of view really helped me begin to look at my own radically self-destructive impulses. I feel that doing that saved my life."

Back in her native Manhattan after graduation, it took her a while to get serious about the long-term project of saving her life. The turning point came in 1976 when she stopped drinking and started the work of "trying to recover from both my addiction and my childhood." Her career since then has featured a stream of plays and film scripts inspired by the passion of political outrage, modulated by the mental acuity and emotional control of sobriety.

Her work since the *Necessary Targets* benefit gives some indication of the trajectory Ensler's career is following these days. It's no accident that Goldie Hawn showed up at the Bosnia benefit; Ensler is working on the script for the upcoming Hawn film *Cookie Chandler*. She is also writing for "The Kathy Zone," a new TV series starring Kathy Najimy as a performance artist whom Ensler describes as "a woman of duality, a woman with sixties and seventies consciousness who's living in the nineties, a woman who believes in the natural beauty of women, yet longs for plastic surgery."

The Vagina Monologues got Ensler her "Kathy Zone" job, she says, and she's preparing a collection of the monologues for publication as a book (not as a play script; she's not sure she's ready to think about other performers doing this material). She's slightly bemused by the experience of being all of a sudden in the right place at the right time with this idea. "I've really come to see that everything's about timing," she smiles. "I tell you, if I had done this play a year ago, it would not have happened."

With a movie, a TV show, and a forthcoming book to think about, and with negotiations underway for both stage and screen productions of *Necessary Targets*, Ensler may not have a lot of time to tour *The Vagina Monologues* in the immediate future, but she wants to keep doing the show. She has one particular audience in mind. "I've done it at colleges everywhere. I would love to do this piece at Middlebury. It would be a fulfillment of something for me, the completion of something." ■

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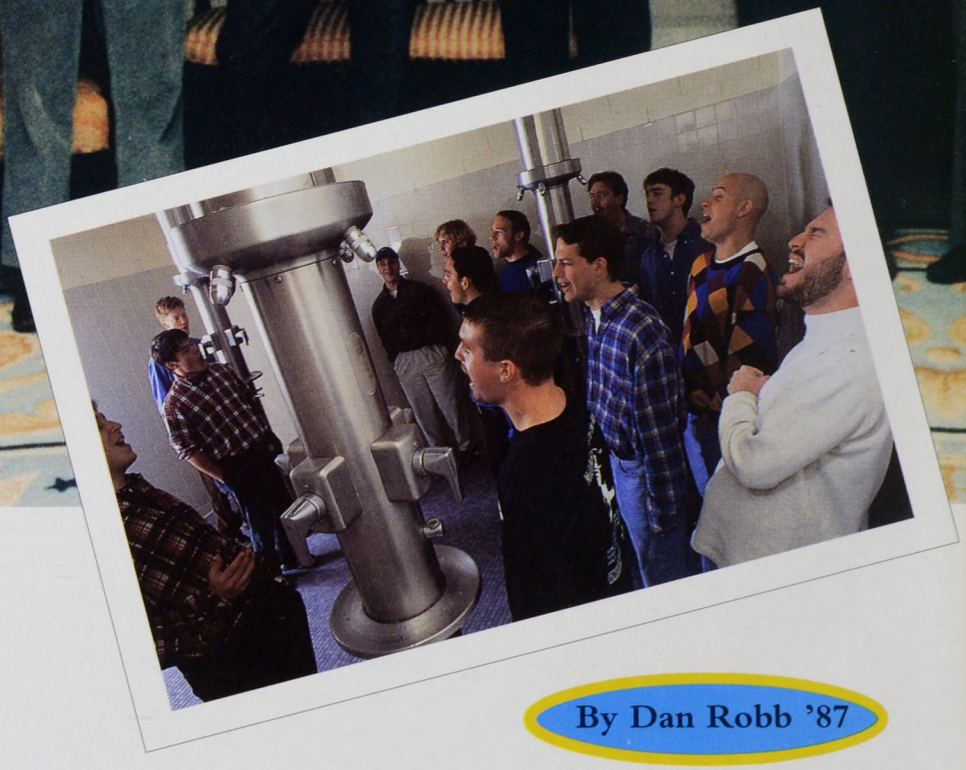
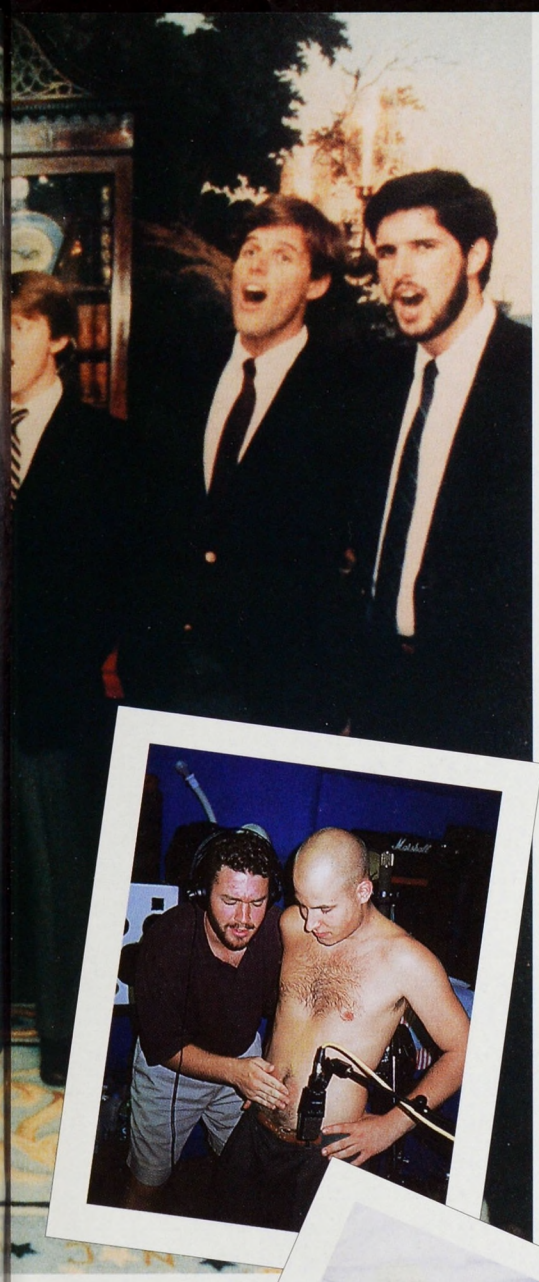


THROUGH SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS

THE D-8 SINGS ON

By Dan Robb '87



When I wandered into a room in Boston's Faneuil Hall to hear a bit about Middlebury in the fall of 1982, I was a senior in high school. The talk was fine, unremarkable to this callow boy, but when it was done, seven young men in baggy tweeds and drooping bow ties detached themselves from chairs off to the side, stood before us like a collection of finely made but improbable hat stands, and began to sing.

They began roughly, but as the voices warmed, and as they began to look around at each other, to enjoy the prospect of simply lifting a tune together, the sound rounded, smoothed, expanded to fill the room. They sang perhaps four songs that afternoon, one of which was "I Don't Know Why I Love You Like I Do," sung to an unsuspecting girl in the first row by a faux-amorous baritone, she blushing, flattered, and horrified all at once. Somewhere in there was a classic and swinging version of "Satin Doll," and they finished with a simple and sparely beautiful rendition of "How High the Moon," the final note hanging in the air as they loped offstage, headed for their cars and the long drive through the mountains back to Middlebury.

Photographs clockwise, from bottom: past D-8s putting their heads together; current D-8s—great acoustics in the shower! by Alan Jakubek; past D-8s at the White House; current D-8s—how the CD *Clapping Joes* got its name.

I was impressed. Here was a collection of guys who managed to sing beautifully and on key, who seemed to enjoy moving with each other through the curves of the tune, a strange flock of starlings turning as one, who expressed while doing this a lack of pretension that appealed to me, as if the integrity of what they were doing were enough; the mannerisms and hauteur could be left to the Harvards and Yales.

I liked that. I came from a small town, I had been chosen the best bet in my graduating class to attend Harvard, yet when I'd visited the yahd it seemed it was about reputation and perfection rather than the kind of warm attention to a real tune that the relaxed boys of the D-8 had shown in their song. The thought of finding this kind of easy and outstanding energy at a school known for its academics and its nearby mountains sold me on the place almost immediately. And so it came to pass. I was accepted at Middlebury.

Almost two years to the day from that afternoon, I auditioned for the group, singing a folk song about "going back to where the river disappears" to some of the same guys, now draped over threadbare couches in Forest Lounge. I was told to wait by a phone. Which I did. The phone call came. "Report to room 105 in Hepburn. Oh, and find a skirt and put it on. And turn off the stereo. You won't be home for a while." Which I did. And I wasn't, finally ending the evening in a room in Forest where, to welcome us initiates, from positions both standing and prone, the veteran group sang a quiet and hauntingly beautiful "How High the Moon."

The institution is an odd one, and perhaps in this is some of its strength. Founded by Minot Dole and Peter Baldwin, among others, the group began as two quartets, one singing in Painter Hall and one in

Hepburn, groups which finally came together in the spring of 1953 as an octet of eight committed singers. A name for the group didn't come until, invited to sing over the College radio station, the announcer asked what they were called. No one had a ready answer. As one member was absent and it was supposed to be an octet, he said, "Not quite all together are you? A little dissipated? I'll introduce you as the Dissipated Eight." Which proved to be an apt name.

There are few post-1953 alumni of Middlebury, I would wager, who have no memory of the D-8; rather, it seems it is only the kind of memory that distinguishes one alum from another. One of my goals in writing this piece was to find the common thread among the members of the group—what their memories were, and what it was that characterized the experience of singing amidst such dissipation.

Time and again, I found words such as "camaraderie," "joy," and "fun" coming from the mouths of those who had sung in the group in each of the decades since its beginning, along with references to valuable experiences—such as working as a team to bring music to audiences throughout the Northeast, and learning to smile onstage before a thousand people even on the rare occasion when six or seven members of the group simultaneously lost the pitch of the tune, which was known to us as a "train wreck."

The greatest part of being in the group for me was the gathering in the lounge of Forest, haltingly decorated in the style of a long extinct French king, where we would sing twice or more a week the standards of the repertoire, and would struggle to learn a few new songs each season. The D-8 method of learning a standard tune, such as "Satin Doll" or "Blue Moon," was to stand with the older guys who sang your part, and to receive the music from their mouths, as it were, memorizing it over the course of many Vermont evenings. In this way, we were perpetuating the tradition started in 1953 by the original members, along with their phrasing and time. This method persists to this day, and the D-8 is probably one of the few things that has changed little in the last 45 years of Middlebury's history.

Each of the alums of the D-8 I talked with echoed this, speaking of the joy of simply singing many a night and of the friendships that were born. As young men, often from backgrounds as different as you were likely to find at Middlebury, they shared their music with each other and sought then to share it with the College and the world beyond.

And the world beyond has been, for the most part, quite receptive to the D-8. In 1953, the group was invited to audition for the Arthur Godfrey talent scout TV program, and this provided a few exciting days in New York, with the group singing everywhere from CBS to the German-American Club. They were, in fact, invited by the Godfrey people to hit the road as a touring group, and only then were forced to explain that they had to be in class on Monday morning.

Later, two successive years in the mid-1980s, the group was lucky enough to be invited to sing for President Reagan at the White House Christmas party. Regardless of political affiliation, this was a thrill for all—we learned "Chestnuts"; serenaded William Casey, Cap Weinberger, David Stockman, the cabinet, and members of Congress; ate White House shrimp, drank White House beer, watched Dom DeLouise play Santa, posed with the president for a White House photo; heard Nancy whisper, "These are the boys who sang, Ron," as we shook his hand . . . all in all a rather wonderful and, in retrospect, surreal experience.

But the more typical experience of being in the group, as I talked to alums from every era, seems to have been the many nights of rehearsal in

the old student union or one lounge or another, and then the road trips—to Skidmore or St. Lawrence or Colgate for a jamboree with the Nassoons and the Whiffenpoofs, or down to Smith or Mount Holyoke or Wellesley, or to a school in Boston, or to an alumni event in New York City. Often several of these events were strung together, with the mode of transportation a couple of cars of questionable road worthiness.

One alum, Michael Campbell '89, remembers his first roadie as beginning on a clear fall day. He sat in the back of an old Dodge Dart, headed with three others for a concert at Mount Holyoke. He recalls the Vermont countryside in the low sunlight, the autumn cornfields stretching away, the red barns, the woods on fire with the turning of the leaves—all of this as he looked through the windows and listened to Nick Siewert '87 and Jake Weber '86 reading with grace and power from *The Importance of Being Earnest*. "My god," he says he thought, "I've landed among intellects and musicians. I have found the sublime here in this Dodge." And then they were there, and sang the show, which, too, "was a thrill." And then, a short time later, somehow, in conversation, one of the members of the group offended some of the finer sensibilities of a Holyoke woman, whose sensibilities, it was discovered, were shared by all of the women of the dorm in which the group was staying, who proceeded to run them off campus, Dodge and all. This made for, according to Mike, the completion of the perfect D-8 evening, the Dodge's tires humming in the wee hours, heading north again on Route 30, home to Middlebury. It had all, of course, been a misunderstanding.

Breck Lardner, Class of '60, recalled many such mornings. "Right at the top of Chipman Hill you could see all around to the south and west, and you could look right down on the College, which made it a great place to sing at dawn after a long trip home from Skidmore or Vassar."

My own memories are also of such good times, the open road and balky cars, what America looks like from the backseat at sunrise, with another show to sing that night in Poughkeepsie, or even Chicago. I remember singing closer to home, too, for alumni and friends—memories of singing at Bread Loaf are particularly strong, how our voices blended in the barn there, with the bats fluttering above, and five hundred nervous freshmen looking on, or a hundred members of the Class of '72.

Recently, several alums of the group, among them Minot Dole '56, Peter Baldwin '55, Don Hindman '87, Don Mackenzie '86, and Justin Ayres '92, have decided to make this history official, by forming the Dissipated Eight Alumni Association, which is sponsoring a gala 45th anniversary reunion over Homecoming Weekend, October 24-26, 1997. In addition, this alumni group is working hard to establish a sizable endowment at the College over the next five years with which to support the group in times to come.

The group, however, as usual, seems to be doing well on its own, and the current D-8 (actually 14 this year) have established a reputation for musicianship of a higher caliber than ever before. Justin Elicker '97, the business manager, says he feels that, for whatever reason, the current members are particularly passionate about the quality of their music, careful with their voices, and so lean further away from the more recreational aspects of road trips and the après-concert scene.

Which, according to Justin Ayres, vice president of the D-8 Alumni Association, is "part of the beauty of the group, in that it keeps evolving, changing with each new bunch of guys."

The D-8: When I first saw them, I was charmed, by their warmth, their ease, their effortless musicianship, and in this I think they carry on some of the energy that is so much Middlebury—a sense of continuity and grace, of doing things well, yet without the pretension that could come from taking it all too seriously.

I am 10 years removed now from my last concert with the D-8, and the world is no longer quite so fresh and new. The roommate with whom I shared that strange and exciting freshman year, a sort of brother, a man I hoped to count as a friend all my life, died soon after we graduated, and dreams have faded, to be replaced by new ones. But the D-8 is reborn each year. A classmate of mine called them "what I think of when I remember what it seemed Middlebury might be." ■

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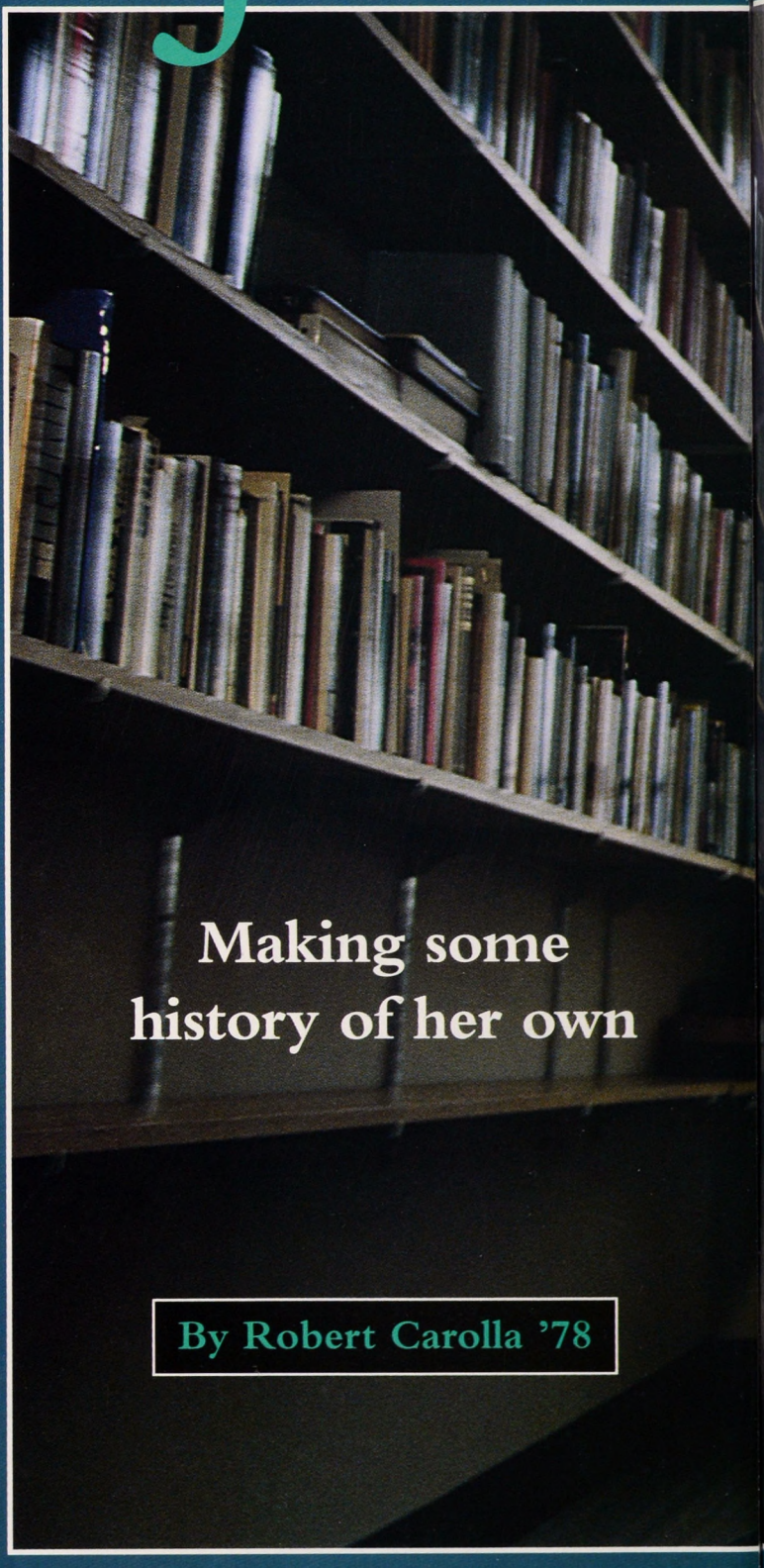
Marjorie



Making some history of her own

By Robert Carolla '78

The first class I had with Marjorie Lamberti was a departmental survey course on modern revolutions in spring 1975. I was assigned to her discussion section, and in our first session I was pretty nervous. She had impressed me in lectures as being academically rigorous, serious, and intense; I hadn't yet spoken up in a small class setting at Middlebury. At one point in the discussion, I managed to get up the courage to offer some analysis. There was a moment of silence, and then Lamberti exclaimed: "Oh! How wonderful! You sound exactly like your brother!" Another moment of silence passed (in which I was sure all my classmates were staring at me); then she commented on my analysis, asked the class a follow-up question, and the discussion continued.

Lamberti

Photograph by Bob Handelman

Marjorie Lamberti loved her discipline and expressed a love of her students as well. To this day she is an inspiration to me, and I owe her my deepest thanks for what successes I have had in my own academic careeer. I hope to carry her presence in my life always.

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Of course, I was mortified and embarrassed, especially because there has always been an element of sibling rivalry between my brother and myself. (In high school and college, I followed in many of his footsteps, pursuing similar interests, but sometimes making perversely opposite choices or striving to surpass his achievements.) Lamberti never mentioned my brother in class again, but at one point in spring 1977 (after I had organized students on campus for the 1976 Udall presidential campaign, been on the Washington Semester program, and worked as editor of *The Campus*), she started one of our advisory meetings by telling me: "I want you to know how impressed I am that you've turned out not at all like your brother. You've come to Middlebury, but you've established your own identity and had important achievements of your own." Then, she moved on to business.

I was thrilled, and for several years afterward took great delight in reminding my brother that Lamberti was glad that I hadn't turned out like him! Finally—on this note at least—there came graduation in spring 1978. After baccalaureate, standing outside Old Chapel, Lamberti walked over to congratulate me and to say hello to my brother. We introduced her to my parents. At which point, she proclaimed: "Your sons are different, but both are so intelligent and astute! I will ask you one question: is it genes or environment?!" Being called "astute" (e.g., "How astute!" or "An astute point") was one of Lamberti's favorite phrases, highest compliments, or both. We clung to every one we received.

I mention these "family" anecdotes about Lamberti because I think they reflect something important about Middlebury: the smaller, close nature of Middlebury; the sense of an interwoven "family" that bonds students with professors, different classes, and the College overall. They also reflect potential advantages (or disadvantages) in having professors who have a family "baseline" to measure a student's potential, with sensitivity to the need for individual development. In Lamberti's case, they also reflect a very human side to her role as professor and adviser. Embarrassment aside, each of the incidents above helped to reassure me somehow that I was "on track" and gave me confidence for handling challenges that still lay ahead.

I remember Marjorie Lamberti as a small, thin, diminutive, almost fragile figure. Her soft-spoken nature also belied a real intensity, which came to the fore in the emotional delivery of some of her lectures. Here, she would become quite animated: her voice grew stronger and higher in tone; she swept her arms and walked about. Sometimes, I'd sit spellbound, forgetting to take notes. There is a perhaps apocryphal story from 1977-78 about one particularly animated lecture (most likely in Dana Auditorium), where Lamberti walked right off the stage. One of the students in the front row—allegedly Otto Matheke '79—got up from his seat, picked her up, put her back on stage, and she simply continued the lecture.

As my adviser, Lamberti was the source of some influence on my career path. In spring 1977, after having returned from the Washington Semester program, I confided in her that I was thinking about applying to law school. I grew up in a small town of about 5,000 in rural upstate New York; my parents were teachers; my dad had emigrated from very humble beginnings in Italy when he was seven. No one in my family had ever been a lawyer. It was a huge step for me to be thinking about taking. Lamberti's immediate reaction was to exclaim: "That's wonderful! With your record

and interest in politics, there's no reason that you can't go to one of our finest law schools, practice law in Washington, and be just like [former presidential adviser] Clark Clifford!"

The level of her enthusiasm stunned me, but encouraged me to aim high. It's also haunted me during some of the detours, vagaries, and disappointments of my career—of which the high point thus far was working as a legislative assistant to former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine from 1985 to 1994. (The low points have included stretches of unemployment after I left law practice in disillusionment, and after the Democrats lost control of Congress in 1994.) When Clark Clifford fell from grace a few years ago in the BCCI scandal, I couldn't help but remember Lamberti's words with especially ironic amusement.

In 1990-91, I tried to break loose of law and politics, by applying to Ph.D. programs in history (my hope being to write and teach undergraduates), and for a short while, I was juggling the Senate and work at Catholic University. Most of my old professors (Jacobs, Dry, Spencer, and Catton) were supportive of my effort to return to academia, but Lamberti remained silent when I wrote to her about my intentions. In January 1993, when I saw her at the annual American Historical Association conference in Washington—at a point when I was torn by the demands of family, work, and school—Lamberti made a point to warn me about the risks of the academic job market. She encouraged me to write and teach part-time while sticking with my "day job"; and she cautioned me not to do anything that might negate the foundations I already had built or that weakened me financially. It was good, hard advice, which I had been close to concluding on my own. What I couldn't bear to tell her was how burned out I was feeling about Washington.

Finally, there are some lessons that I learned from Lamberti about history. It may be that everyone carries away something different, but in my case at least, it was learning that history doesn't just happen. Individuals, elites, institutions, and nations all act (or react) according to discernible interests, values, and strategies and *cause* history. The challenge for a historian is to assess diverse forces and to apportion responsibility for what happens, particularly from within a moral perspective. To some degree, this is nothing more than the lesson every child eventually learns: that actions have consequences. It's also similar to tort law, which may be why a major in history can be good preparation for law school. But basically, it means we all have a responsibility to history—even if it's only that we try to vote intelligently every two years, or that we try to raise good kids who are considerate to others.

If nothing else, Lamberti helped to teach me how very fragile democracy can be, and that those who involve themselves in politics have to be careful: to make sure that they preserve its legitimacy and its foundations while pursuing their own ends. It's a thought that has stayed with me in everything I've done since graduation. ■

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Intense Learning Experience

Sandro Wulff '95 landed in his first course with Marjorie Lamberti quite by accident. The economics major, who now works at Goldman Sachs & Co., came to know the history professor during his first-year student seminar: "She impressed me as one of those people who can really make the subject live." He went on to take several upper-level history courses with her that were totally unrelated to his major or his requirements.

"It was the ultimate educational experience," he says. "She would stimulate me to such a degree that I would really start to put the pieces together. She made you review the information, analyze, but take it a step beyond. It was a huge effort, and finally, you'd see the light. It would really be a tremendous thing that would come out of it."

While economics was his major, Wulff admits he loves history. "There was never a question of my giving 100 percent to the course. I loved the subject." And so, obviously, did Lamberti. "It's everything to her. She loves it with all her heart," says Wulff.

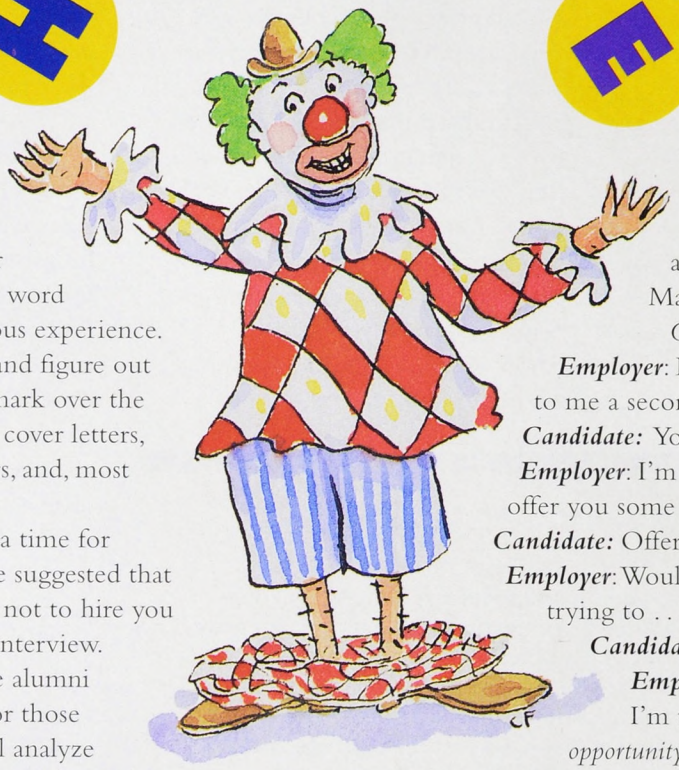
Lamberti served as Wulff's first Middlebury adviser, and the two formed a close friendship, possibly, Wulff thinks, because of the things they have in common: their mutual love of history and Wulff's background. He came from Germany, a country that has been central to Lamberti's research on Jewish history.

"She is a remarkable person," Wulff says. "If you look at her, she gives the impression of someone really frail—even her voice. But she is tremendously powerful. She is also extremely modest. She doesn't make students read her works, even though she has this tremendous amount of knowledge. She guides people, she doesn't force her views on anyone. I don't think I've ever had such an intense learning experience with any other professor."

HIRE ME

Or how to survive the first minute of a job interview

By Mark Feldman '94



Three years ago, I graduated with a B.A. in English from our alma mater. This spring, I will receive an M.S. in screenwriting from Boston University. With an advanced degree, alumni connections up the yin-yang, and superb communication skills, I am ready to fulfill my ultimate goal: to become head waiter at Denny's.

Job searching, as we all know (except for first-year students, who can replace the word *job* with *beer*), can be an arduous experience. It is a time to write resumes and figure out how to get that little accent mark over the 'e' to show up. It is a time for cover letters, query letters, thank you letters, and, most cruel of all, rejection letters.

But most important, it is a time for interviews. Some experts have suggested that employers decide whether or not to hire you within the first *minute* of the interview. Therefore, to help soon-to-be alumni starting their first job search or those returning to the market, I will analyze the first minute (roughly) of several sample interviews. By illustrating interview brilliancies and blunders, hopefully we may all avoid having to ask the dreaded question, "Would you like fries with that?"

INTERVIEW I

⋆ **Position Sought:** Web Site Designer, Techno Computers, Inc.

Candidate enters, gives employer a firm handshake, sits down.

Employer: How did you hear about Techno Computers?

Candidate: Well, I read an article in *Computer Biz Weekly* that your company has had a 15 percent growth rate over the last three years and that you're leading the field.

Employer: Excellent. Tell me, what programs are you familiar with?

Candidate: Quark, Photoshop, Premiere, Director, Netscape, Java, Cobol, Pascal, HTML, HTML2, JPEG, CVS, MCI, AT&T, CP&P, 7UP, and I'm learning Basic.

Employer: Excellent. How do you feel about 90 hours a week?

Candidate: For my last employer I averaged 109 hours a week.

Employer: Excellent. I suppose we should talk about your salary.

Candidate: Actually, whatever you want to give me is fine. I still live at home.

⋆ **Time**: 57 seconds

⋆ **Hiring Decision**: Candidate was rejected.

⋆ **Reason Why**: Candidate had a glob of mustard on the corner of his lip from a hot dog he ate for lunch.

INTERVIEW II

⋆ **Position Sought:** Personal assistant to playwright David Mamet

Candidate sits before the employer.

Employer: Look, look, look, I'm . . . listen to me a second. I'm trying to *talk* to you.

Candidate: You are?

Employer: I'm . . . yes. Of course. I want to offer you some . . .

Candidate: Offer me?

Employer: Would you let me finish? Please. I'm trying to . . .

Candidate: You're yelling.

Employer: I'm sorry. I'm . . . please. I'm trying to offer you a chance, an *opportunity.*

Candidate: An opportunity?

Employer: Yes. Yes. Look, your resume . . .

Candidate: What about my resume?

Employer: It's . . . look. *(Wipes face with a handkerchief and swallows a pill)* Forgive me. I get these cover letters, you see? These . . . *things* that say blah, blah, blah, I want a job. *(Pause)* Now you, you on the . . .

Candidate: I don't say blah, blah, blah.

Employer: No. No, you see . . . the thing is, the *thing* is . . .

Candidate: Yes?

Employer: I could use someone like you.

Candidate: You could?

Employer: Yes. Let's . . . let's *do* this. Please. What do you say?

Candidate: I'll think about it.

⋆ **Time**: 60 seconds

⋆ **Hiring Decision**: Candidate was hired.

⋆ **Reason Why:** Candidate was pointing a gun at the employer. (Incidentally, candidate refused offer to work for Martin Scorsese.)

Illustrations by Cynthia Fisher

INTERVIEW III

⋆ **Position Sought:** Investment banker, Morgan Stanley, entry level

Candidate enters wearing a clown suit.

Employer: Hello, have a seat.

Candidate trips across the floor, stands up, smiles, attempts to pick up his hat, inadvertently kicks it across the room, moves to retrieve it, knocks over potted plant, grabs hat, sits down in chair as a whoopee cushion attached to his backside lets one rip. Candidate smiles apologetically.

Employer: Now then, it says here you were a professional clown with Ringling Brothers during the summer of your junior year. How do you think your clowning skills will contribute to the equity department of Morgan Stanley?

Candidate smells rose on his lapel. The rose wilts. Candidate stands, steps forward, only to find himself blocked by an invisible wall. Candidate feels the wall until at last he finds an invisible door knob. Candidate steps out of invisible box and bows. Candidate's trousers drop to his ankles.

⋆ **Time**: 59 seconds.

⋆ **Hiring Decision**: Candidate was rejected.

⋆ **Reason Why:** Candidate did not do the super-long handkerchief routine. (Also, candidate answered all yes-or-no questions with a horn: one toot for yes, two for no.)

INTERVIEW IV

⋆ **Position Sought:** Manager trainee, IBM, entry level

Candidate enters, sits.

Employer: It says here you're from the Dagobah system. Where exactly is that?

Candidate: It's not important.

Employer: But I guess it's not important. Why don't you tell me why you want to work here?

Candidate: That won't be necessary.

Employer: On second thought that won't be necessary.

Candidate: This interview is a pure formality. The job is mine if I want it.

Employer: This interview is a pure formality. The job is yours if you want it.

Candidate levitates a pitcher and pours himself a glass of water.

⋆ **Time:** 17 seconds

⋆ **Hiring Decision:** Candidate got the job.

⋆ **Reason Why:** Candidate used "the Force." (Incidentally, candidate was promoted to senior vice president two days after beginning work.)

I could give thousands more examples, but the general idea is clear: Buy yourself a power tie (I recommend one that lights up), a big jug of Listerine, and don't forget to wipe your mouth after every meal. Just remember, job searching is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent frustration. And if you're still looking for some quality tricks of the job-searching trade, you may want to ponder whether slipping a 20-dollar bill into your thank you note can help or hinder your hiring chances.

May the Force be with you. ■

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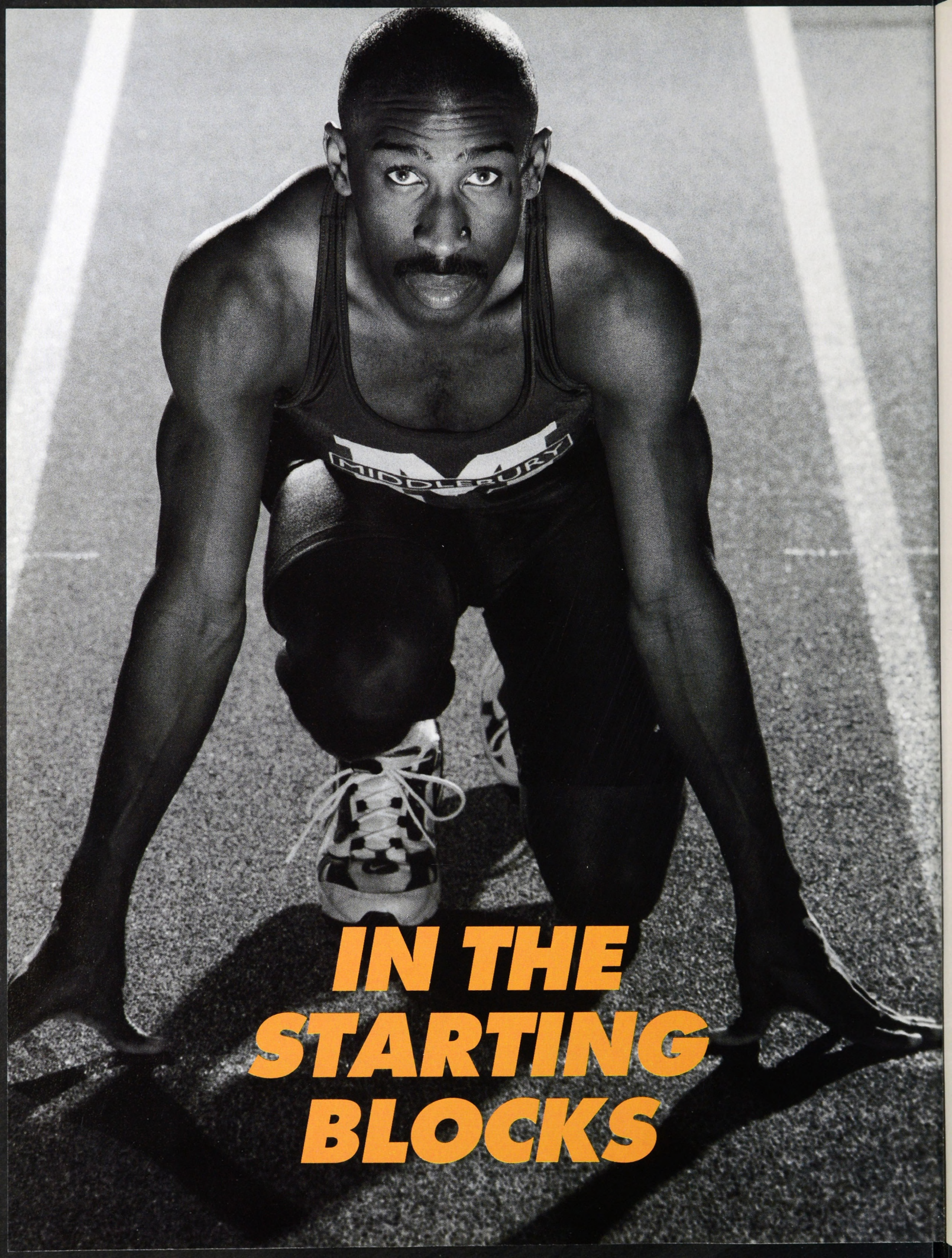


IN THE STARTING BLOCKS

Whether dancing or running, this student's on the right track

Though a blazing raft of light awaits him in the center of Studio 110 in the Center for the Arts, Kris Clarke '97 is warming up in the shadows. His Vivaldi CD is playing, and as he stretches, holding onto the bar against the wall, he stares intently at himself in the mirror. It is late Saturday night during Winter Carnival and Clarke has just returned from an eight-hour round-trip to Connecticut, where he picked up his daughter, who will spend the week with him on campus.

What is Clarke thinking as he watches himself—that perfectly developed body, that serious, almost fierce face? "I think of everything I have been through to get to this point," he says. "I think I'm very pleased."

And pleased he should be. The senior, who hopes after graduation in May to study with the Alvin Ailey Dance Company in New York, is regarded with enormous respect and admiration by Middlebury dance teacher Penny Campbell. "He's just a gorgeous mover. He's a man of incredible dignity. I feel grateful to have been able to support him and have him develop in our context here."

Equally impressive to Campbell is the way Clarke has negotiated his way as a black man, a black dancer, through Middlebury. "It's not that he's the only black student in the dance work. But he's the only black dance major. He has carried all of what that means through all these years. He's negotiated some very tricky things and done it with such grace. I know supporting African-American students and other students of color is something that Middlebury has been working hard on. And with Kris it's easy to do because he's so gifted. "

Being a male dancer in this environment takes a lot, of course, Campbell continues. "It takes a lot of support for anyone, especially a black man, to open himself, to dance vulnerable material, to find himself and his voice as a dancer. The quietness of his dignity—I think it shows in his dancing whenever he dances from the heart. It's just enormously beautiful, enormously deep. I hear people say this man will be missed when he's gone. He's very influential."

But Clarke is not gone yet. Fall semester he worked on "Frame of Light," a senior dance project choreographed by Kate Kerschbaum '97, which was performed in January. "The piece was pretty physical," says Kerschbaum, and thus well suited to Clarke's talents. "He's a very athletic dancer, very strong, good at articulating the different parts of his body." She and Clarke were both practicing with the Dance Company of Middlebury at the same time, and she notes he was also beginning work on his spring concert. "I don't know how he fits it all in." During spring semester Clarke is practicing intensely for his own senior dance thesis: an ambitious combination of a solo dance choreographed for him by visiting assistant professor Peter Schmitz; a duet, which Clarke will choreograph; and a quartet.

By Rachel Morton

Photograph by Alan Jakubek

"He dances, he runs; he's a very involved Middlebury student." Kerschbaum says. "It always sort of amazed me how every hour of his day is planned and scheduled." Clarke's discipline and dedication is well-known; some might say he wears that discipline on his face. "One girl came up to me," Clarke says, "and she said, 'I never thought that I would actually be here talking to you because I was so intimidated by you.'" Clarke's whole face seems to crease into a big, unexpectedly sweet smile. He is amazed that he could be thought of as intimidating. "I asked her why and she said it was my persona. I think I go around with this seriousness on my face. People don't know how to interpret that. They interpret it in the wrong way sometimes."

Clarke was born in Kingston, Jamaica, named George after his father, and called Kris by his mother soon thereafter. "I don't think I'm a George," he says emphatically, and one suspects it is more than aesthetics that makes Clarke declare that he plans to change his name legally one day. On the subject of the senior George, Clarke is brief: "I've seen him twice in my life, that I remember." The second time was his first year in college, when Clarke took a bus up to Canada, where his father lives. A decent visit, he reports, but he never heard from his father again. Clarke shrugs. He'll send his father an announcement about his graduation from Middlebury, "Not because I want him to come, but to let him know I got this far without him."

The heartache of being the child of an absent father is commingling these days for Clarke with the responsibilities of being the father, often absentee, of his own child—a beautiful four-year-old girl named Shakoya who lives with her mother in Connecticut.

Kris is the perfect example of the student athlete here at Middlebury. He's done wonders for both programs—dance and track.

"About parenting," Clarke says, "you could say it's overwhelming for me right now, because one of the roles that's suffering is the father role. I can't spend the time with her now that I want to spend, that is necessary."

When Clarke was the same age as his daughter is now, he lived in Jamaica with his mother and two sisters. They all moved to Hartford, Connecticut, when he was nine and his mother got a job in the insurance industry. Kris and his sisters worked hard at school, and his mother worked even harder supporting the family by herself and bringing up the children. Clarke speaks with pride about how his mother took care of the children by herself, about how he and his twin sister have successfully made their way through two distinguished colleges (his sister is at Georgetown).

Who knows to what extent Clarke's accomplishments can be traced to the efforts of a single mother, determined that her children should live up to their potential? Or to the reaction of a son determined to show what he could accomplish in spite of an absent father? Certainly many children would not have worked so hard and excelled in so many areas.

But Clarke applied himself. In addition to excelling academically in high school, he also ran. He was captain of his high school track team junior and senior year, running the 300 hurdles, 110 hurdles, and relays. In fact, he was so good that his coach (whom Kris calls "my hero") made it his business to become a mentor to the young man. He wanted to make certain that track didn't take over Clarke's life, and that the young man developed intellectually and academically as well. The coach guided Clarke toward Middlebury, and the match has been a particularly successful one.

Clarke wondered at first whether he'd be able to keep up. "I knew I was strong academically, but this was going to be more intense. Could I combine my athletics and academics? I think I've done a pretty good job so far."

Martin Beatty, Middlebury's track and field coach, thinks Clarke has done more than a pretty good job. "Kris is the perfect example of the student athlete here at Middlebury. He's done wonders for both programs—dance and track and field. I really respect him for all his sacrifices to Middlebury in both those areas. He's one of the best track athletes we've ever had here."

By sacrifices Beatty is referring to the fact that during track season, Clarke has had to balance "grueling running practices" and afternoon and evening dance classes and rehearsals, "both of which are taxing on the body, particularly the legs," Beatty says. And it has taken some delicate maneuvering to work both these rigorous physical regimens into a complementary whole. Clarke notes

that the leg weight lifting he is asked to do as a track team member tightens and reduces flexibility in the legs—something absolutely *not* desirable in dance. His track coach has been accommodating. "Coach knows it's a career choice."

Clarke, co-captain of the Panther track team, is a three-time All-New England runner in the 400 hurdles, the 1600-meter relay, and the 400-meter relay. He was also the NESCAC champion in the 400-meter hurdles his first and second years. He holds the school record for the 400 hurdles and shares the school record for the 400 relay. "He's a very gifted athlete," says Beatty. "I wish I could have 10 Kris Clarkes on the team."

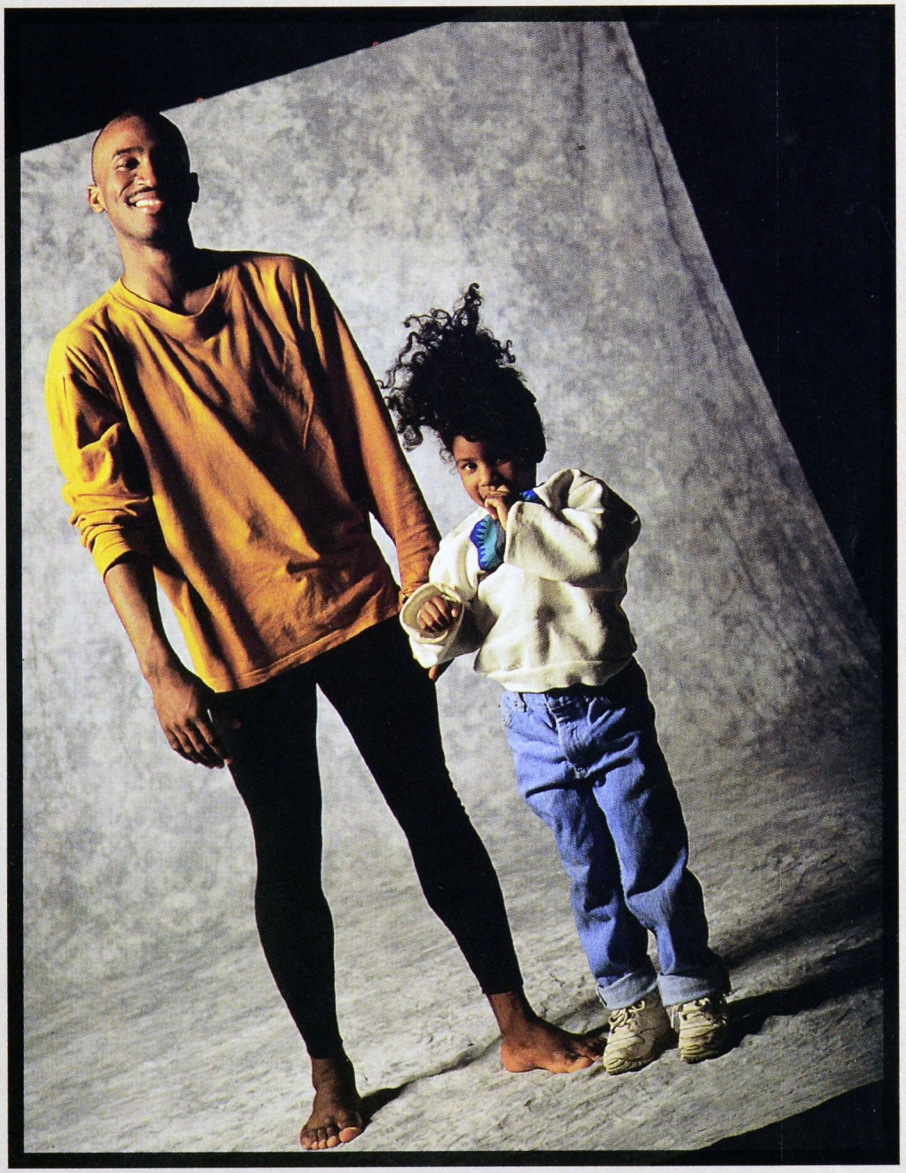
But in spite of his dedication to track and field, Clarke's true love is dance. Working out for dance doesn't seem like work to Clarke. "Dancing expresses who I am, what I am, my feelings and thoughts. It's a form of escape. It's like when you're acting—that is your chance to be someone else, to forget about your problems, to be free for that one moment on stage. I get a kick out of that; it's my own high."

Though dance might be an unlikely major for a track star, Clarke says his teammates have been his most enthusiastic supporters, coming to all his performances. "It's been fun for the track athletes to go and watch his recitals," says Beatty. "It's helped open up the arts to some of these athletes who otherwise might not have experienced dance while they were at Middlebury."

Clarke's mother has supported his increasing commitment to dance, though with some reluctance because she tends to feel that dance is not quite appropriate as a profession for a boy. "I didn't feel too good about it at first, but I figure if that's what he wants to do, he should do it." Kris understands his mother's desire for his financial security. "She is happy if I am happy, but I'm sure she'd rather I was in a job that makes a lot of money." Perhaps a more secure and more lucrative job may come later in life. Clarke is a double dance and psychology major, who mentions wanting to work with abused children. One senses that if he wants to do something, he will, and that if a child has the backing of a man like Clarke, that child's possibilities are greatly increased.

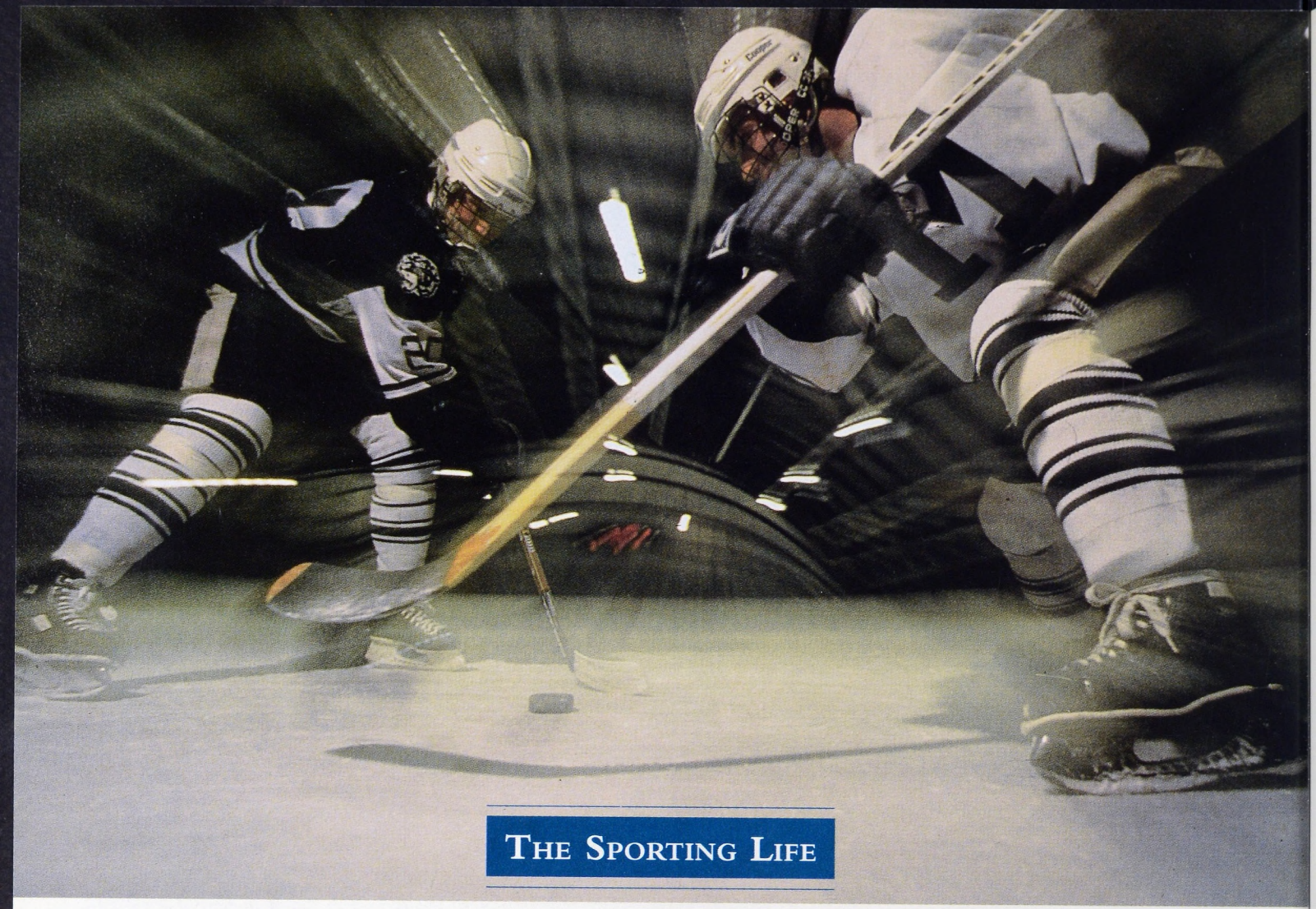
At the end of this, his senior year, Clarke will quit track, quite happily it seems—"I'm ready to hang up those spikes"—but his life as a dancer is just beginning. "He is so dedicated," says Penny Campbell. "He's learned to stick with things and see them through. He's really finding how to commit to himself as a dancer and an artist. That's a marginal thing to do. You're not going to go out and find a job in the mainstream. You really have to come to terms with yourself, especially as a young man."

"He has so many skills," Campbell continues. "We've just scraped the surface with Kris. You know that if you support this guy, he'll really deliver." ■



Kris Clarke's four-year-old daughter, Shakoya, visits him on campus from time to time. One big regret is that he has so little time to be a dad.

Photograph by Bob Handelman



THE SPORTING LIFE

by Jim McDermott '98

PANTHER PANDEMONIUM: THIRD STRAIGHT HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, March 21, 1997: The site of the semifinal game was Middlebury's Duke Nelson Arena, but the home team was top-seeded Saint John's University (25-5-1), which used its first-ranking power not only to take the Middlebury bench, but also to remove the Canadian national anthem from the regular pregame proceedings of Middlebury ice hockey. This tactic to rattle the Panther minds was no match for the Middlebury student section, which responded by singing a rousing rendition of the anthem after the U.S. national anthem. The students were given a standing ovation by the players' parents and the townspeople, and the Middlebury hockey team, already fired up to win, had even more incentive to move on to the final game, for their fans as well as for themselves.

"It was a great tribute to our Canadian players and to their parents who came to watch," said team captain Mike Anastasio '97. "That really pumped us up to play and may have given us that extra edge we needed to win."

And win they did by a score of four to one. With 1:11 ticks off the clock, sophomore Nickolai Bobrov scored on a power play. The Johnnies never caught up. At the 13:03 mark, junior Mark Spence circled the net and dropped in a goal to give Middlebury a 2-0 lead after the first period. During the second, Saint John's cut the lead in half, but that goal was answered shortly by an Anastasio power-play goal. In the final period, Spence sealed the victory with an unassisted goal, and the Panthers were on their way to their third National Championship matchup against the Wisconsin-Superior Yellowjackets. Junior netminder Chris Farion made a handful of unbelievable saves, among the total of 28 by the game's conclusion.

"We played as fine hockey as we've played all year long . . . with real key saves from Chris Farion," said

Photograph above by Bob Handelman; photograph right by Ken Burris

Coach Bill Beaney after the game.

The fans could not get enough. Throughout the night they chanted for their team and against the Johnnies, constantly attempting to distract Mark Rice in the opposing goal. The soccer players spelled out Middlebury with their bodies; the women ice hockey players sang "A Panther Wonderland," a Pantherized rendition of the classic Christmas song; and the football players sang who knows what. All, of course, joined in on Middlebury's original "Cheer, Boys, Cheer" after every Panther goal. Some say they didn't know whether they were at a hockey game or a Broadway musical.

"Middlebury is the best when it comes to support from the fans," declared Anastasio, who led the team in goals this season with 22. "People from the College and the town—they're the best in the nation. I have friends on other teams who love to play in Middlebury because they want to hear our fans."

Saturday March 22, 1997: Same story. Pumped players, fanatic fans; the Canadian anthem was not played, the student section sang it, the parents stood up and cheered; Midd won.

Wisconsin-Superior (23-8-2) did not go down easy, however. At the end of the first period the score read Middlebury-0, Superior-0. Taking 14 failed shots on goal, the Panthers faced a problem . . . Superior senior Dave Graichen in front of it. This was the same man who had stopped an amazing 69 shots the night before in a double-overtime battle against Norwich University, in which the Yellowjackets defeated the Cadets 4-3. At the other end, Farion snagged six shots, half of which left many a jaw on the floor. This would be a goalies' duel.

Farion, however, could not prevent a rebounded goal by Superior at the 6:29 mark in the second period, putting the Yellowjackets in the lead 1-0. Middlebury quickly responded when first-year player Curt Goldman netted a power-play goal after a slapshot from assistant captain Sebastian Bilodeau '97. Sophomore Ross Sealfon put home the Panthers' second goal in the period, which would give them a lead they would never relinquish.

In the third, rookie John Giannacopoulos scored the game-winning goal, marking the third consecutive winning goal made by a Panther first-year player in the National Championship. Superior gave Middlebury a short-lived scare by scoring with 2:33 seconds left on the clock, cutting the lead to one. But Farion and the Panther defense were able to hold off another opposing score for the remainder of the game to give them a hat trick of championship rings. Tallying up the saves, Graichen made 35 and Farion 28.

Then Duke Nelson Arena exploded. Thousands of faces, young and old, surged toward the glass as security guards and state troopers ran for their lives. The players, after piling on top of Farion, bolted to their fans, scaling the rinkside to shake hands.

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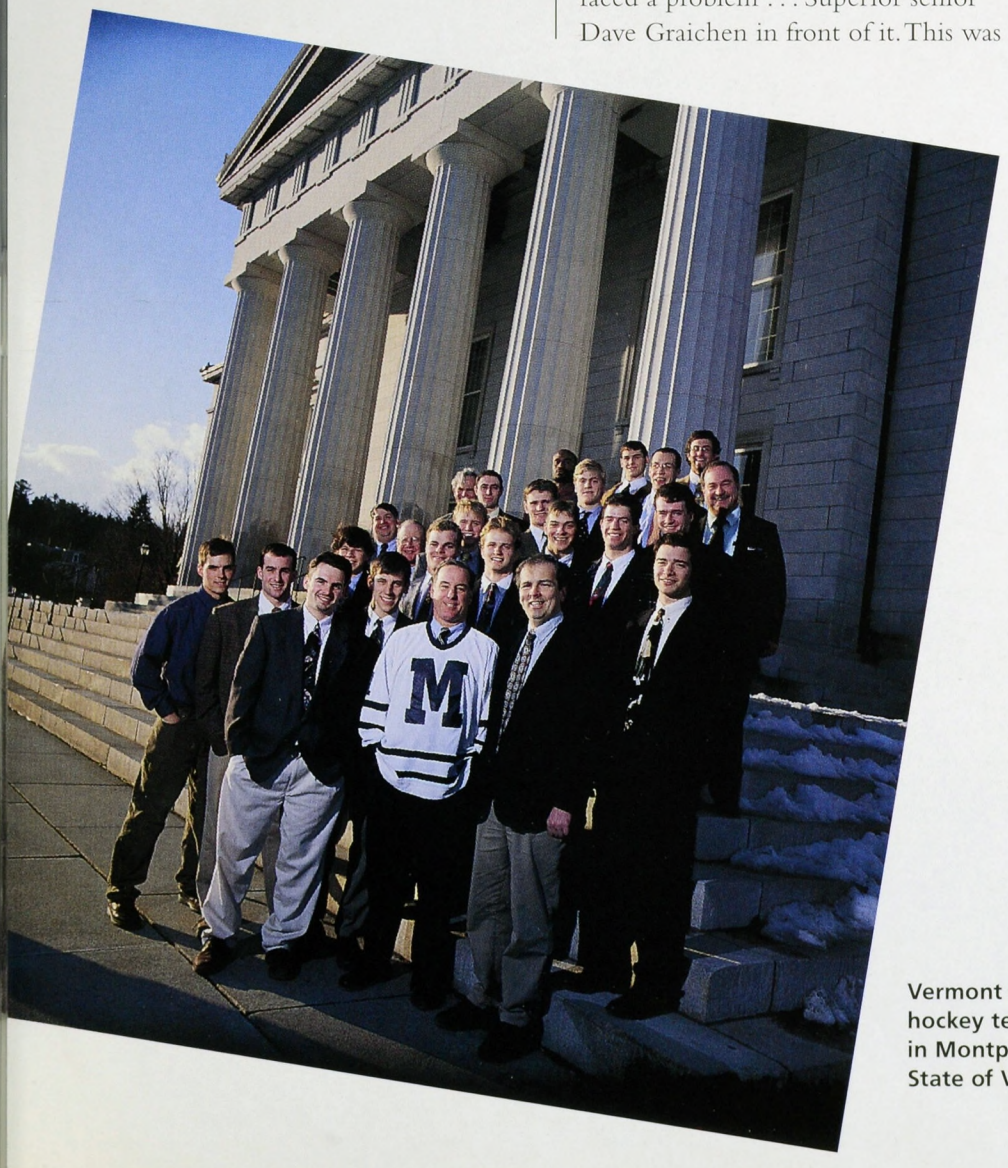

Vermont Governor Howard Dean invited the hockey team and coaching staff to the State House in Montpelier to receive thanks on behalf of the State of Vermont for their awesome season.

Another Sensational Season

Maine never had a chance. In game one of the ECAC Alliance semifinals on March 1, the No. 1-ranked Panthers came out strong and mowed down fourth-ranked University of Maine. Midd scored 2:37 into the game, adding two more by the end of the first period. The final score read Middlebury 10, Maine 1. Ditto, next day. During the championship game, Middlebury held the Bowdoin Polar Bears shotless for over 28 minutes—nearly half the game. The Panthers, on the other hand, scored at 19 seconds into the game and netted two more in under six minutes. For the second consecutive year, Middlebury women's ice hockey took the championship.

These championship games were practically a given after the sensational season the women's hockey team enjoyed. The Panthers held their own against the larger Division I teams, such as Dartmouth, and even defeated Yale and St. Lawrence. In its own Division III ECAC Alliance, Middlebury ended its season undefeated with a record of 17-0 (34-0 in two seasons). The overall record was 20-6 with 11 shutouts, 15 wins by 5 goals or more, and 5 victories by 10 goals or more.

"I just had all-around great players," explains Coach Bill Mandigo—players like senior co-captain Jennifer Hefner, who has broken almost every women's ice hockey record, including most goals in a game (6), most points in a game (8), most assists in a season (43), most points in a season (66), most goals in a career (91), most assists in a career (125), and most points in a career (216).

Hefner, Most Valuable Player of the tournament, admits that she felt a lot of pressure to repeat the previous championship season, but says that only served "to motivate ourselves and each other." She and co-captain Whitney Parks (who ranked second in most goals in a season and most goals in a career) were part of the "excellent senior leadership" that Coach Mandigo praised, along with the "outstanding young talent," like three-time ECAC Alliance Rookie of the Week Sylvia Ryan, who led the team in goals this year with 26.

And there certainly was outstanding young talent tending the net. Middlebury goalies held their ECAC Alliance competitors to 12 goals, in comparison to 138 Panther goals in 17 games. Kristin Hackmann '99 ended with a 4-0 record, including one shutout. She had 78 saves, a .897 saving percentage, and a 1.26 goals against average. First-year goalie Beth Denoncourt (130, .903, 1.73) was 7-2 with six shutouts, and classmate Crystal Springer (203, .902, 2.10) finished 9-4 with four shutouts. Move over Farion and Bourbeau of the men's team.

But all the talent in the world doesn't add up to a season like this one

Photograph by Alan Jakubek

without hours and hours of practice. "We worked hard every day," says Parks, "and played very competitively, even against the tougher Division I schools."

Aside from practice, the team credits some of its success to Athletics Director Tom Lawson, who will be retiring at the end of this year. "He has been instrumental in helping the program get to this level," says Coach Mandigo, who also thanks the men's hockey team. "There is tremendous support between men's and women's hockey. That was a big plus this year. Bill Beaney was great with sharing ice time and his knowledge of the game; and all the players get along real well."

Not only did the teams have a good relationship, but the men's popularity also helped the women, especially in recruiting. Hefner explains, "The success of the men's team has been a great help to us in attracting attention and recruiting players."

What's in store for the women Panthers next season? More of the same, you can bet. Although losing six tough competitors—seniors Jennifer Hefner, Whitney Parks, Sara Vintiadis, Laine Catlin, Libby Zug, and Katie Oates—Coach Mandigo is still extremely optimistic. "It will be tough to replace the seniors, but the sophomores and rookies are great players, and the junior class will be excellent leaders. Becky Sama, next year's captain, will give us the leadership we need, and I have seven or eight incoming students from Canada and the Northeast who will definitely help the team." With programs like this one, women excelling in college sports will no longer be the exception to the rule.

"We deserve this," says Parks.

We couldn't agree more. *JM*

RUBBER SOUL

William L. Burke III '73

I arrived on the Middlebury campus in the fall of 1969—a month after Woodstock. Having defined myself from age 10 as a hockey goaltender, I spent my first year facing the rubber for the freshman team coached by Tim Carey '64. As a sophomore I earned a spot on the varsity and in mid-December Coach Wendy Forbes kicked my pads, placed the warm-up puck in my glove, and said: "You start tonight." We defeated Boston State 5-4 in the old Boston Arena. An auspicious start.

We drew huge crowds for our games, especially when hosting UVM. Our senior year Chris Burr '73, Charlie O'Sullivan '74, a friend who will remain nameless, and I went to the Middlebury Bowling Lanes before the UVM game to unwind. After a few strings, we went off to our training meal, and our friend must have visited the Alibi, for he was in rare form by the time the national anthem was played. As we looked over the ranks of the UVM players to the flag behind the goal, there was our friend, affixed to the protective wire screening like Spiderman. At regular intervals, during the anthem, he'd yell: "Let's go, Charlie O. Come on, Buddo, and Hey, Burkey, I'm st faced!"**

Hockey connected us with the larger Middlebury community in wonderful ways. There were the alumni games with those Middlebury legends Phil Latreille and Pete Boswick, among others; the fervent town and gown fans; and how we loved to listen to the stories of Duke Nelson in the cozy training room.

As headmaster of St. Sebastian's School and the father of four hockey-playing sons, I see a lot of hockey. It's a great game, one that Middlebury has played exceptionally well for many decades. May it ever be thus.

PANTHER PANDEMONIUM

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Injured with a sprained ankle, first-year player Eric Zinc was pushed around the rink on a folding chair. Bobrov held up a sign reading "MIDDLEBURY PANTHERS—NCAA CHAMPS—1995!! 1996!! 1997!!" It took a good 30 minutes to calm the arena down long enough to begin the postgame awards ceremony. But that's what it's all about—pure Panther mayhem.

Middlebury ended its season 22-3-2, improving the three-year record to 72-7-4, a triumphant feat for Coach Beaney, who said after the game, "Starting back in November, I didn't think we'd get to this point. It's a real tribute to this group of young men." ■

Jim McDermott '98 is an economics major—oh yes, and a Panther hockey fan.

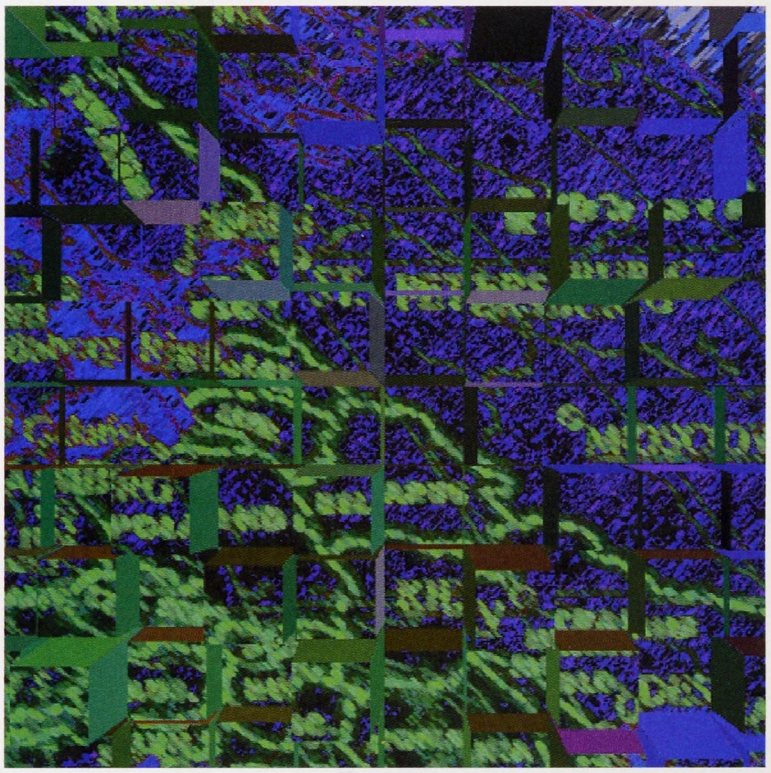
First Editions

by Cynthia Baughman

THE TROUBLE WITH COMING IN FROM THE COLD WAR

Russia and Eastern Europe after Communism: The Search for New Political, Economic, and Security Systems
Edited by Michael Kraus and Ronald D. Liebowitz (Boulder, Colo., and Oxford, England: Westview Press, Inc., 1996)

The future of Russia and Eastern Europe remains unresolved and unclear, as this new collection of essays edited by Middlebury faculty members Michael Kraus, political science, and Ronald D. Liebowitz, geography, demonstrates. *Russia and Eastern Europe after Communism* is based on a conference held at Middlebury in May 1994, in which many Middlebury faculty members participated as panelists, moderators, and presenters.



Permeating the book is the perennial question asked on college campuses, "Who am I?" Without that answer the constant flux that has characterized this strategic region in the last several years will continue to affect the stability of the entire post-cold war world.

In this volume Russian and U.S. experts examine the constitutional, political, economic, security, and national identity issues that confront Russia and the other successor states of the former Soviet Union. Liebowitz's essay notes how Russia serves as a microcosm of the entire area: while the former Soviet Union had 53 ethnic homelands, Russia still has 32. Russell J. Leng (political science professor at Middlebury) discusses "the dark side of self-determination that is expressed in assertive nationalism."

Several chapters deal with economics—extraordinary problems with new currencies (Middlebury's economist Ben Slay explores this topic); inflation rates; the tradition of agriculture (David A.J. Macey of Middlebury's history faculty contributes this essay); and a standard of living, now used as the measure of national pride (as Allison K. Stanger, a political scientist at Middlebury, explains), where a third of the population lives in poverty. Readers can compare the efforts and effects of "shock therapists" and "gradualists" as they have attempted to move formerly planned economies to market economies.

The perspective academics can contribute to such an examination is particularly interesting. Robert C. Tucker (formerly of Princeton) writes: "The outcome [of events of the early 1990s] has been a new Russian Time of Troubles comparable to the one that came about at the start of the seventeenth century and the second one that occurred after the collapse of the tsarist autocracy in 1917." Peter J. Stavrakis (of the University of Vermont) compares what is happening in this area to what happened in Africa after decolonization. Kraus summarizes: ". . . few developments impinge more seriously on the life of a society than a breakup of the state." ■

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ALSO NOTED

Americana Crafted: Jehu Camper, Delaware Whittler
Robert D. Bethke '67 (Jackson, Miss.: University of Mississippi Press, 1995)—A long essay introduces a folk artist's life and work, and more than three dozen color photographs of the creations convey his sense of craft. Robert Bethke majored in American literature at Middlebury and earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Pennsylvania; he is now associate professor of English and folklore at the University of Delaware.

Journey to Peace: A Story of War and Redemption
Margot McKinney Bouchard, M.A. in German '72 (Baltimore, Md.: Noble House, 1995)—This first novel takes place at the end of World War II, as German troops pull out and Russian troops advance on Berlin. The central character, a young woman, learns of some of the horrors of her country's wartime policies, and she finds love with an American soldier.

Women Writers in the United States: A Timeline of Literary, Cultural, and Social History
Cynthia J. Davis '86 and Kathryn West (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996)—Full of information about American women's writing and the context of current events when their books appeared, this clearly arranged and comprehensively indexed volume makes many of the connections and juxtapositions that liberal arts graduates love. Cynthia Davis, an English major, received her M.A. and Ph.D. at Duke; she is now on the English faculty at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

The Broken Blade
William Durbin, M.A. in English '86 (New York: Delacorte Press, 1997)—A story for young readers, this first novel follows a boy's adventures and coming of age as a Canadian fur trader, a *voyageur* traveling by water in 1800. William Durbin teaches English in a rural high school and composition at a community college; his biography of golfing superstar Tiger Woods will be released later this year.

Volcanoes of the Solar System
Charles Frankel '79 (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996)—This Middlebury geology major is now an author in Paris. His recent book, with numerous black and white photographs and explanatory drawings, explores volcanoes not only on Earth, but also on Venus, Mars, moons of various planets, and elsewhere, taking advantage of what space exploration can teach about a phenomenon found throughout the solar system.

Counting Cows
Woody Jackson '70 (New York: Harcourt Brace & Company, 1995)—In a work reminiscent of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the most recent book by this artist/entrepreneur features paintings of groups of cows, numbering 1 to 10, with titles suchs as "Three hungry holsteins" and "Six haying heifers." Woody Jackson majored in history at Middlebury and earned the M.F.A. at Yale; he is president of Holy Cow, Inc., as well as a prolific artist.

Selected Writings of Madame de Villedieu
Edited by Nancy Deighton Klein, M.A. in French '59 (New York: Peter Lang, 1995)—The work of Marie-Catherine Desjardins de Villedieu, a 17th-century poet and prose writer, is presented in its original French with insightful historical and critical contexts provided in English by Ms. Klein.

Reach for the Stars: Pursuing Success through Excellence
Charles S. Lauer '52 (Walla Walla, Wash.: CCI Books, 1996)—The former sociology/anthropology major has served as publisher of *Modern Healthcare* magazine for more than two decades. His recent book distills his advice for becoming and/or remaining successful, personally and professionally.

Imperial Rivals: China, Russia, and Their Disputed Frontier
S.C.M. Paine, M.A. in Russian '89, also studied at Chinese School (Armonk, N.Y., and London: M.E. Sharpe, 1996)—This book examines the relations of China and Russia from the mid-19th century onward, through times of power, civil war, and weakness for each country, which always remained sensitive to its neighbor's relative position.

Hawaiian Quilt Masterpieces
Robert Shaw '73 (S.L.: Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, Inc., 1996)—With an introductory history of quilts in Hawaii (where they are not needed for warmth), the author quotes Middlebury's former dean W. Storrs Lee as one source of information, and also describes the individual characteristics of specific examples of this folk art. Beautiful color photographs of the quilts illustrate the text. Robert Shaw was an English major; he now writes and lectures about the folk art on which he is an expert.

Mad Season: A Mystery
Nancy Means Wright (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1996)—A frequent campus visitor and friend of Middlebury, the author sets her first mystery story in Vermont among dairy farms, generations of families, fires, Community Players, and the landscape alumni always remember.

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Congratulations to C. Albert and **Anna E. Wilkinson Pratt**, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 11, 1996. The Pratts' great-nephew, Christopher Brown, graduated from Middlebury in 1974.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Lindley W. Robinson** for his faithful service to his class and to the College as class secretary. And we want to thank his daughter-in-law, Heather Hamilton Robinson '57, for letting us know that Lindley finds it necessary to resign his position, although "he remains a devoted alum!" He and wife Mary have moved into the assisted living unit at Havenwood (33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301), where they have lived since 1987. Best wishes, Lindley, to you and all your family. ■ We regret to report the death of **Marion Swift Carter** on January 19, 1997. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Middlebury and later did graduate work at Vassar College. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Reunion Class

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We regret to report the death of Dr. **Charles G. Shedd** on September 6, 1996. A memorial appears elsewhere in this magazine.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

Spring ahead! As I write, I am looking at a photo of Calvi's, founded in 1910 and one of the current popular shops featured in a Julia Alvarez '71 *New York Times* piece about Middlebury attractions. The soda fountain looks about the same, the iron tables are there, and the sundaes still devastating reminders of the happy times we had there, with Joe and our classmate **Mary** in charge. This will definitely be a place to revisit during our 70th Reunion in May 1998. ■ We're also recalling many happy hours spent with **Helen Northrop Grippin**, "Celestie" to us. Helen died at Ginger Cove, Baltimore, MD, on December 18, 1996. Her daughter Mimi thanks you for your cards and letters and marvels at this more than 60-year friendship. It's easy to explain, because she kept in touch with us, attending every class reunion while she lived in her beloved VT. Helen and her husband, the Rev. Frank W. Grippin, had three children: Miriam (Mimi) Jones, Eugene Grippin, and Beth Grippin Berg. There are six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, with whom she enjoyed a wonderful Christmas celebration last year. Her three brothers, John, Wendell, and Dean Northrup, live in Rutland and Proctor, VT. To all we send our sympathy. ■ Another letter from Carol Williams, **Eunice Smith Williams**' daughter-in-law, tells us that Eunice's new address is Glencroft Care Center, 8641 North 67th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85302. Eunice will be 91 on May 20, 1997, so you have time to send her a card. She values our friendship. ■ There's a new address, too, for Frederick **Coombs**: 40 Autumn Dr., #152, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Fred continues to support our class in **Florence**'s memory. ■ Speaking of birthdays, picture **Dorothy Kirk Simpson**'s 90th, arranged by her daughter and son-in-law, a company of 30 and 90 blown-up balloons! Dot still volunteers at Plymouth Church, almost next door to her 35 Orange St., Brooklyn, NY, home. ■ **Evelyn Quick Clark** sends greetings from Morehead City, NC. ■ Good to hear from **Marian Hinman Kemp**. She and **John Hoyt** are our PA connection. ■ President **"Hank" Ferry** wants you to know that he's "hanging in there" and sends "Thanks to all of you for your greetings." ■ Now, dare you plan to be in Middlebury for our 70th Reunion in May 1998?

1929

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

We regret to report the death of **Mary Elizabeth Burtis** on November 11, 1996. We are reminded of her love of life and learning when we read in our 50th Reunion yearbook: "I find life, both of the world and of the mind, interesting, full, and exciting. Increasing years add to experience and joy, and, in spite of rapid changes, to hope in each new generation." At Middlebury, she especially remembered two professors—Vernon C. Harrington, "who taught something of logic and philosophy and gave unstintingly of understanding and individual, affectionate concern to each of his students," and Wilfred Davison, "intelligent, sensitive, filled with a joy and love for literature, which he could communicate to any who would listen." Though she took her M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia and also taught there, she wrote, "I look back upon Columbia with pride and respect—upon Middlebury with love." A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ Elsewhere in this issue are memorials for **Kathryn Trask Deedman**, who died on August 8, 1996, and for **Evelyn Jones Ives**, who died on December 3, 1996. We send the sympathy of the class to their families. ■ **Barbara Langworthy Day** observed her 90th birthday quietly in January at her home in Lancaster, NH. Her daughter, Deborah, who lives close by, baked her a cake and was on hand to serve it—along with Barbara's brother Bruns, who lives with her. Another daughter, Jean, lives in coastal MA. Barbara's eyesight is impaired and she walks with difficulty, but her mind and her memory are keen, as she observes with thankfulness.

1930

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We regret to report the death of **Alice Guest Howson** on November 17, 1996. Alice received a master's degree in English from the Bread Loaf School of English in 1936 and, in 1948, she was one of the first two women elected to the Board of Trustees at Middlebury. She served as a term trustee and then as charter trustee until 1979, making her participation on the board one of the longest in the College's history. She received an Alumni Plaque in 1962 and an honorary Doctor of Letters in 1980. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

1931

Class Secretary: *Miss Priscilla March, 103 River Mead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Mary Stolte Toomey was back in Panama City, FL, for the winter. As a volunteer at the Shaw Adult Center, she helps students from foreign countries with their English. She enjoys the work and also feels much appreciated. ■ **Dick Fear** spent 10 December days in London on his annual "British theatre binge," attending six plays, two musicals, and a concert. On February 5 he joined an American Museum of Natural History group on a 15-day visit to Indonesia, including three days in Bali. On the way they stopped at Singapore, the site of his last overseas management consulting assignment (he was 80 there and worked subsequently in the U.S. until he was 85). Dick's first book, *The Evaluation Interview*, published by McGraw Hill in 1958, is still in print and doing well after 39 years. The second edition won the National Book Award in 1973 as the most outstanding human resource book of the year. Next year he will decide about bringing out a fifth edition. ■ **Dot Johnson** writes, "After a long, active retirement full of music, theatre, travel—all those good things—my life has slowed down to crosswords, aerobics, and mysteries, enjoyed in my comfortable little house in Solana Beach, CA. Middlebury memories also add to my pleasure." ■ Just before Christmas, **Parker Calvert**'s grandson Scott, son of Rear Admiral John F. Calvert, graduated with a master's in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School of Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Parker was present at the gala and formal affair with over 200 in attendance. Scott did his thesis on the French Mirage, which he tested in Falmouth, England. ■ January's *Village Courier* monthly newsletter from Shell Point Village, FL, ran **Theta Conant Claflin**'s article, "Why I Enjoy Ballroom Dancing," complete with photos. As a child Theta wanted more than anything else to take ballet lessons and danced around the house to the music of her French music box. After her marriage she took up figure skating and ice-dancing, practicing on a rink built for her by her husband Lester. Following her husband's death in 1993 she experienced depression and eventually signed up for dancing lessons. Since then she has competed locally and around the state, winning several trophies. ■ **Walton Crocker** writes that 1996 was a year of extremes, highlighted by the wonderful 1931 Reunion in May. Although only eight managed to return, it was a great affair. He enjoyed talking about old times and catching up with recent occurrences. For the first time in decades, he and wife Elsa celebrated Christmas alone, with their children and grandchildren scattered among CT and MI and Japan. Their youngest daughter visited their Japanese daughter, who had lived with them in 1960 as a guest of their Danvers, MA, church. Their bright spots were phone calls from MI and Japan. ■ **Ethel Rogers Byers** continues to live at the Waterford Health Center in Juno Beach, FL, where she is in good health and quite active. She plays cards, checkers, and bingo, as well as taking part in sing-alongs and parties. She appreciates hearing from her classmates. ■ **Ken MacClelland** reports a rather sedate year at Rossmoor, a gated community of about 8,000 residents, which is really "loverly." Wife Jo is chair of the ad hoc committee planning for the future of the community and serves on the board of the mutual co-op organization. Ken has finished writing a novel, while inventing new moldings for reframing a score of watercolors. He has also designed and fabricated a brass electric torchere and a couple of sconces for their bedroom. He says there's always easel painting in spare moments, but he should really get down to more serious work with Dave

Class Act

Eleanor Clemens Berry '32 (1911-1996) at Alumni College, 1980

Rob Badger '73

In 1980 I was enrolled in a science literature course taught by John Elder and Bill Glassley; Eleanor Clemens was taking a philosophy course, taught by Victor Nuovo, that dealt in some capacity with death and dying. Each class was responsible for an evening or afternoon of entertainment, and it was the philosophy class's turn the first night. We had only just gathered that afternoon and evening, precluding any sort of class presentation, so Victor showed Woody Allen's movie *Love and Death*. The oversimplified plot has Boris (Woody) married to Sonya (Diane Keaton) in Russia at the time of Napoleon's invasion. In a farcical attempt to assassinate Napoleon, Boris is captured and shot, while Sonya escapes. Throughout the movie, the Grim Reaper appears, dressed in a white robe with a scythe, to haul off various unsuspecting characters. In the last scene, Sonya is having tea with a friend when she sees Boris out the window, walking away with the Grim Reaper. She runs to the window, throws it open and calls out, "Boris, what happened?" After a brief exchange, Boris and the Grim Reaper dance off among the trees.

An unsuspecting philosophy class and the setting at Bread Loaf provided too good an opportunity to let pass, so Eleanor and I, and a friend from her class whom she drafted, conspired to recreate that last scene. The folks at Bread Loaf were glad to loan me a white sheet for a cape and a scythe, so the next afternoon I excused myself from my class, donned my costume, and, unannounced, entered Eleanor's class. I wasn't prepared for the laughter that met my entrance, but several poundings of my scythe against the floor quieted the group as I walked around the room peering for a victim. To let the class know my purpose, Eleanor exclaimed early on, "Oh, I hope he doesn't choose me!" But of course I did, shortly standing before her and beckoning for her to follow. We left the classroom, and as we walked around the side of the building, her friend assumed the role of Sonya, calling out, "Oh look, there's Eleanor!" She then threw open the window and called out, "Eleanor, what happened?" "Well," she replied, "I'm dead, I guess." When next queried about what it was like, she answered "Not bad, for being dead." We then proceeded to dance and pirouette around the trees and bushes at Bread Loaf while her class looked on.

I know of no one else, from her generation or mine or those that have followed, who would have participated so enthusiastically in—and reveled at—such folly as she did. She was truly a marvelous, fun-loving, spirited individual. ■

ette and brush. Who knows? Perhaps he will develop a whole new career. In January he and Jo journeyed to San Francisco to meet President McCardell and hear him speak at the Marina Yacht Club. ■ We all extend our sincere sympathy to **Marian Tolles Chase**, whose husband passed away last September.

1932

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 133 Lawrence St., Embury 28W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.*

Last September, Whit and **Elsa Smith Beardsley** celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Whit walks a mile or two every day and Elsa keeps busy with home and yard. ■ **Jo Saunders Taggart** does as little housework and plays as much bridge as possible. She writes: "See you at Reunion." ■ **Charkie Adams Merriam** also plans "to be at Reunion with bells on and cane in hand." ■ **Frederick Weaver** is teaching in Brentwood Evening School from 6:30 to 10:30 four nights each week: reading, U.S. history, global studies, and math. ■ **Jane Griswold** writes: "Like many others, I'm going with a cane. Great-great-nephew (4) calls me 'the one with the stick.'" ■ Bertel and **Jo Walker Hoecke** missed a cruise when Jo was twice hospitalized with a cracked hip. ■ The classmates of **Henry Hank Watts** are saddened by the belated news of his death in March 1996, after a long illness. ■ **May Clark Stevens** has a new address: 1519 Williston Rd., #8, South Burlington, VT 05403. The Gazebo Apartments for Independent Living are only two miles from May's previous home. ■ **Peg Witt** keeps busy with community activities. For company she rents her second bedroom to "a nice couple." ■ We regret to report the death of **Esther Hawks Herron** on December 22, 1996. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1933

Class Secretary: *Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757; telephone 352/735-5761.*

[Ed. note: No news of your class has been received at the College. Please use the tear-out card from the magazine, or write directly to your secretary at the address above.]

Like many others, I'm going with a cane. Great-great-nephew (4) calls me "the one with the stick."

Jane Griswold

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1934

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

Our classmate **Randolph Erskine**, of Wallingford, CT, reported that he had been having increasing problems with his right hip. He had already had two replacements in that hip and was scheduled to go into the Orthopedic Clinic at Yale New Haven Hospital for surgery on December 12, 1996. "Hopefully they will work up the necessary repairs, and by spring I can be getting about more easily and effectively. My photography is at a temporary standstill as I can no longer tolerate standing or long sitting on a stool in the darkroom. I can still get in some time in a padded chair at the fly-tying desk, which pleases me greatly. Last spring I taught adult education classes in fly tying and composition in photography in our local schools and found it interesting and exciting. I will be planning more courses for next fall while doing my exercises and recovering from the hip surgery during the winter." Thanks for keeping in touch and we look forward to hearing more from you, Randy. We also need news from other classmates!

1935

Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

Faith Arnold Diver has resurrected her old Gamaliel Painter cane to facilitate the almost daily walks that she and Howard enjoy. They had the pleasure of voting for a Midd graduate for Congress. Faith's grandson is finding photography most interesting, which may explain her faithful contributions to the scrapbook. ■ **Natalie Dunsmoor** remembers with pleasure her course, called "Political Elections," with Prof. Eric Davis at Alumni College. She also enjoyed surfing the Net in the computer lab. In July she had the rewarding and challenging experience of teaching a Sunday school class of 10 six- and seven-year-olds. She joined her extended family for Thanksgiving and Christmas. ■ Avoiding storms and ice, **Lael Sargent Mancib** drove to visit friends in both CT and RI during the Christmas season. Don't say "You drove?" to her! Recent snows had brought the skiers to town, but soon it would be time to move back to the lake. ■ **Jean Wiley Zwickel**'s new year greeting listed the many fascinating places she and Abe have visited in their pursuit of peace. In the fall, son Daniel appeared in concert at the Mt. Diablo Church in Walnut Creek, CA. ■ After a tremendously busy weekend when more than 100 family and friends gathered with **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon** at her son's farm in WI, and then Christmas with son David's family in MD, she continues with the "breath-taking pace" of her retirement community in NH. ■ **Louise Fleig Newman** has traveled to son Bill's new house in TN. ■ Though "reasonably comfortable where we are" in MN, Joe and **Ruth Havard Okarski** are not unaware of a possible need to opt for community living—"somewhere in FL, perhaps, or AZ or NM." ■ Carroll and **Virginia Easler Wilson** spent a month in Austria, enjoying the scenery, the flowers, and especially the family they met several years ago by swapping homes. ■ After traveling all last summer, **John H. Blake** was happy to return to "Le Beau Jardin," their place in the sun in Naples, FL. Persuaded by a travel agent that Americans were not welcome in France, he skipped that country in favor of seven or eight others, but believes that was a mistake. He writes "I do like to read about my 'old' classmates." (Read "former.") ■ **Rosamond Allen Keppler** loves living in CA for its many beauties. On one of several trips to see grandchildren in San Luis Obispo, she met **Clare Walker Earl**. Mundy says, "I'm so old I still watch Lawrence Welk every Saturday evening." This year she even spent a week at his resort in Escondido. ■ After many delays, Eric and **Doris Anderson Carlson** have moved to Briarwood (77 Briarwood Cir., Worcester, MA 01606), and they are very pleased with their new home. It's a retirement community with duplex cottages in a country atmosphere and with other Midd graduates already in residence. **Betty Coley Congdon**, Harriet Douglas Seelye '33, Doris Ryan Pitcher '37, and Grace Cheney Greene '29 have welcomed the Carlsons warmly. Although Doris will miss her friends in Storrs, where she lived for 45 years, this move takes her back "home" and much nearer family. Eric's book was published in October and granddaughter Mona graduated from college with honors in biology. ■ Like most of us **Marjorie Clark Headley** had "nothing" to report. She enjoys living independently in her big house, is active in many organizations, and travels to various places of interest. She is thankful that her part of CA was spared the vicious storms that other areas endured. Her "nothing" seems to translate into a busy and satisfying life. ■ We regret to report that **Mark S. Richmond** died unexpectedly in November. He received a B.A. degree from Clark Univ. (1936), served in the Navy during World War II, and had a distinguished 34-year career in law enforcement. The class sends heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Richmond and the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Mr. Richard Dempewolff, RR 1, Box 29E, Henryville, PA 18332.*

Your secretaries regret to report the death of **Bets Laws Westin** in FL on December 27. Our thanks to **Ginny Rich Woodman**, who secured data for Bets Westin's memorial from Bets' husband, Don '38. Ginny expresses her own and others' sadness over the loss of Bets: "She was our own 'Blithe Spirit,' always smiling, always gentle in her responses, always ready to quote lines from a poem or ballad." Memorials for Bets and for **Doug Rubb**, whose death was briefly noted in the winter issue, appear elsewhere in this issue. ■ Other sad notes come from **Aggie Harris Taylor**, who reports the passing of husband Bob on Christmas morning, and from **Ginny Phillips Whitney**, whose son Larry died during a trip to HI in November. ■ Happier news from **Marion Cole Morhouse**: After three years of planning, she has moved to Wake Robin (3105 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482), where she has already been involved in a chorus, a sewing class, and line dancing. ■ "If the lady classmates at the 60th who kissed Doug Rubb thinking it was me (due to my name tag) will identify themselves," promises **Charlie Startup**, "I will do my best to assuage their chagrin." He and wife Jane have been busy attending both town and gown events in Oberlin, OH—a college town about

the size of Middlebury, he notes. ■ Retired surgeon Dr. **Bob Braunwarth** and wife Ann write that daughter Nina left the family unannounced last year to join an order of nuns. She hasn't been seen or heard from since, leaving both parents deeply concerned. That's why Bob has been out of touch with friends and classmates. ■ **Fran Wilkinson Russ** indicates that husband Alfred's heart problem has slowed them down a bit, but they do keep in touch with her classmates. She reports that **Maggie Leach Harris** and **Louise Hutchinson** planned a month's return to Myrtle Beach this winter, after a hiatus following Travis Harris's passing. Maggie and Louise have both escaped New England winters there for many years. ■ **Mavis Jones Little**'s plans called for a FL sojourn in January, visiting a brother and friends, including **Isabel Kinney Frakie**, who was expected in Ft. Myers after travels to AK and Australia. ■ **Dode Wall Roberts** abandoned her usual Marco, FL, digs to spend three winter months in AZ. ■ **Norm Pierce** reports that collapsed vertebrae sent him west, near the home of a son, to an assisted care unit (550 W. Hendrickson Rd., Sequim, WA 98382). "Unimpeded," he gets around on a "Spiffy Walker," shops in town on an adult tricycle, participates in the center's activities, and chairs its residents' council. Keeping current with books and magazines, he reports: "I remain a confirmed liberal—convinced that unregulated capitalism creates problems." He also notes that the official geology of the scenic Olympic Peninsula was recorded by Wallace Cady '34, who headed the U.S. Geological Survey in that area. ■ **Kay Chaffee Robinson** says she's back to normal routine after the 60th. Her sports-oriented granddaughter (age 14) was picked for a basketball tournament in FL, then sent to England with a soccer team for a match. ■ Dr. **Clifford T. Conklin** has been looking after the health of the people of Thomaston, CT, for 50 years now. For many years he was available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In appreciation for his good services, the Thomaston Rotary Club presented him with its Vocational Service Award last October. Bud and wife Marian raised a son and three daughters in Thomaston. ■ Ray and **Harmony Buell Cobb** celebrated Thanksgiving and post-Christmas with a son of Ray's in Tarrytown, NY. They did Christmas with Harmony's daughter in Newport, RI, then returned to winter quarters in Princeton, where they attend university concerts and other events. They report "college sophomores streaking in a snowstorm" and other interesting doings on their street. ■ **Mart Tierney** reports that he still plays "a mean game" of tennis two or three times a week, indoors or outdoors. He occasionally joins wife Karline on a Superfund Dumpsite check-out in Upper Marion County, PA. The "Tyson Site" (one of her many) is en route to Hagerstown, MD, where they visit their eldest son and two grandchildren, all of whom spent Christmas with them, as did a Los Angeles daughter. ■ From a retirement residence (since '91), **Malcolm Swett** writes that golf and tennis are no longer possible, but he chairs a group that maintains extensive perennial gardens and some 30 rosebushes. Most fellow gardeners, he notes, "are in their 90s so I am a relative youngster and can help many of them." Still able to drive in daylight, he managed to spend about a week last summer at Lake Dunmore, as he does each year.

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Malcolm Swett

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and the Rev. Loring D. Chase, 10 Surry Hill Dr., Keene, NH 03431.*

We begin with apologies to Helen and **Phil Brown** for reporting her name incorrectly in the winter issue. The Browns celebrated their 61st anniversary last September. Those with access to e-mail may communicate with Phil at phillbrown@aol.com. ■ Received an interesting letter from none other than Dr. **Jess Townsend Hopkins** of Australia. Townie (as we knew him) is now registered with the Australian government as a doctor of osteopathy, naturopathy, and as an acupuncturist. He does the formulating and writing for Eagle Pharmaceuticals, although he has been confined to a wheelchair since an accident in 1992. He and his Australian wife Laura have six children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. His son Anthony Hopkins has paintings exhibited in New York City. We're very pleased to hear from you, Townie, and hope you will stay in touch. ■ **Katherine Stackel Leonard** writes from Harrisburg, VA, where many fine musical events are offered at nearby universities. She recently saw a fine performance of *Joseph's Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Shenandoah Univ. in Winchester, VA. She feels lucky. She also saw *Beauty and the Beast* at the Kennedy Center on the Potomac. It was "a fabulous production in an awesome building." Her oldest grandson, who recently received an M.A. in economics from McGill Univ. in Montreal, will be moving back to the DC area soon. One of Kay's sons is retired and another is talking about it, where her daughter (at age 45) has started back to school to qualify for elementary teaching. ■ **H.B. ("Red") Harris** enjoys reading *Middlebury Magazine* and sees Gus Brooks '36 now and then. Wife Alice Parsons Harris '34 has had a malignant melanoma removed, but after five months is getting along quite well. Son Dave lives in New London, NH; their daughter is moving to Phoenix, AZ. They were all together in New London at Christmas and had a good time. ■ **Margaret Dow Ludington** was recently visited by both her daughters, first the one from CA and then the one from WA. ■ A memorial elsewhere in this issue carries the sad news of **Helen Shea Cosgrove**'s death on October 15 of last year. ■ **Bob Jewett** was in the hospital from December '95 to early March '96 with an infected kidney, and then a shrinking esophagus. He had a family reunion on the July 4 weekend and has been to the White Mountains and Nova Scotia, so he was on the mend. ■ **Erwin Warren** wrote last fall about their grandchildren's marrying habits. He and wife Hazel flew to AK for granddaughter Sarah's wedding on October 5 and arrived home to learn of grandson Nathan's wedding on November 25—in HI. So they flew to the Islands for the wedding and also had a quiet celebration of their own 51st wedding anniversary on Maui. They got back for a Thanksgiving dinner in Eugene, OR. ■ **Ruth Schneider Upson** is in FL and has to miss Reunion, but she sends her greetings to Middlebury "and all the classmates." ■ "Ever the fund-raiser," **Walter Brooker** says he's going to write classmates and "express the hope that they will help us in the Class of 1937 beat the reunion gift of 1938." ■ **Cay Branch Frasure** says they "spent the whole summer trying to get my left eye in sync with my right one. Fortunately, my husband is a pretty good nurse. Most of the drops go in the eyes!" ■ **Susan Hathaway Hopper** writes that she's "fortunate to be in charge of myself, and able to shovel myself out on a snowy morning, which helps me keep in shape for gardening." Her message to the class is "See you at Reunion!"

1938

Class Secretaries: *Miss Madeline S. Buttles, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301; and Mr. Allison S. Beebe, 872 Bird Bay Way, Venice, FL 34292.*

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Jane Abbott Barry**, whose husband Fred died on November 28, 1996. Fred often accompanied Jane to meetings while she was president of Tri-State Alumnae Club and co-secretary for our class. In this way he became well acquainted with many alums from different classes. He was also well known in NH educational circles, having served in different capacities during his long career in education. Barry Alumni Center at Keene State College, where he held several positions, was named in his honor. ■ We also regret to report that **Frederick Camp** died unexpectedly on January 12, after arriving home following surgery. The sympathy of the class goes to his wife, Mabelle, daughter Cynthia Camp Barker '68, and all his *many* Middlebury relatives. ■ Tut and **Betty Gates Tuttle** moved to Kendal at Hanover (80 Lyme Rd., #242, Hanover, NH 03755) in December. "Our new home exceeds even our anticipated expectations," writes Betty. "It encompasses the five ingredients we looked for in a retirement community: academic challenges, nearby cultural offerings, the outdoors, a comprehensive health program, and proximity to grandchildren. We have it all here and more." ■ Barbara and **Al Beebe** moved to Venice, FL, permanently in December. Al writes: "In our 56-plus years of married life, we have lived in New England or NY, except for a few temporary periods. Our family does not live near us, but call regularly and visit us at least annually. Stephen and Odiorne Woodman Beebe, both '65, live in Great Falls, Fairfax County, VA. David '67 and Lynn Markham Beebe '69 live in South Barrington, IL. Daughter Janet Beebe Kaminski and husband Ron live in Greenwich, CT." Barbara and Al have six grandchildren between the ages of 16 and 24. ■ **Anne Sargent Clark** enjoys reminiscing about her Middlebury days, noting that Midd "was the place to become a teacher." Although Anne was happy in her role as teacher, she is enjoying her role as wife, mother, and grandmother. She doesn't think that teaching would appeal to her today. "Everything is so different." ■ Following a back injury, **Madge Eddy**

Boardman moved from Stowe to Rutland, VT, where she is near family and friends. She can be reached by 802/775-1896. ■ **Henry Wemple** enjoyed another trip to AK. He writes that he "did something I always wanted to take time to do. Spent two days with a bush pilot, flying over AK. It's absolutely beautiful from the air in the fall. Everyone should try this." ■ Although **Helen Thomas Stone** vowed she would never move again, she decided that for health reasons it would be wise to be closer to family. She writes: "I decided to trade in the *hot* summers of OK for the *cold* winters of Milwaukee, WI." Her sons packed and moved her from Tulsa to Milwaukee over Thanksgiving weekend. She has found the residents of St. John's Tower friendly and the activities numerous and interesting. Son David is only a five-minute drive from her new location (1840 N. Prospect Ave., #618, Milwaukee, WI 53202). ■ Although deeply involved in her role as wife, mother, and grandmother of eight, **Nonny Allen Leslie** nevertheless made time to write a delightful letter. She not only recalled college days, but also informed us how much she enjoyed keeping informed about the activities and lives of her classmates. She mentioned freshman year when 13 girls lived at Eddy House, and junior year when Nonny was among the first to live in the beautiful new Forest Hall. She also recalled walking both to and from Chipman Hill to watch the Winter Carnival skiing competition. ("Our grandsons, '90 and '93, don't believe it!") She writes: "Senior year was the best of all. That was the year my roommate's brother kept coming to visit her. She was busy with a 'steady' so left it to me to be sociable and entertain him. Well, you know the rest. We've been married for 57 years." Nonny concluded her letter by adding, "We visit by phone or in person with the **Halls** (Tommy), **Gardners** ("E" Barnum), **Morgans** (Jan Randall Cook), and **Tuttles** (Gatesie). Just recently I talked with **Phyl Malcolm Mithassel**." In reference to a recent luncheon date with college friends, **Betty Gates Tuttle** wrote: "As often has been the case with Middlebury friends, though years may have passed since the last visit, it is as if we had just seen each other a short time ago. And it's not so much recounting the college days of our past, but exchanging ideas, sharing hopes and challenges of the future."

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I spent two days with a bush pilot, flying over AK. It's absolutely beautiful from the air in the fall. Everyone should try this.
Henry Wemple

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1939

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence La., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

We regret to report the death of **Donald P. Stone** on April 10, 1995, after a long illness. We send the sympathy of the class to his wife, Doris, and all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Len Anderson** writes: "On August 14, 1996, our granddaughter Shari gave birth to Emily Rose, so we're now great-grandparents. We're moving into an assisted living community, still in Palm Beach Gardens, FL—as soon as we sell our home." ■ **Elinor Wieland Cain** had "a fine trip to Scotland and England in September, and a trek to Las Vegas for Thanksgiving with daughter Janet. I learned how interesting Elderhostels can be, and why Charleston is such a great city to visit. Had dinner with John and **Betty Riexinger Mettler**, too." ■ **Francis D. Parker**'s fifth great-grandchild was born on November 1, 1996. He writes, "We have made trips to AK and Sweden this year." ■ **Ruthie Skinner** was presented with a great-grandson in November, which made a happy Thanksgiving for all her family. ■ Barbara and **Bob Lord** responded to our request for news at Christmas. Finally retired from paid work, which was part-year management of a small business, Bob keeps busy with several patriotic and lineage organizations, as well as the Masons. Barbara is still working as a corporate secretary of a NY State agency. They traveled in 1996 to San Diego and then to OR for a cruise on the Columbia River. They expected to go to Budapest and Prague in March, thus adding two European countries to the *15*, plus Great Britain, they have visited to date. They are looking forward to the 60th! ■ **A. Roger Clarke** wrote a fabulous letter while snowbound in his West Henrietta, NY, basement den. Certainly his major in American literature under the memorable Doc Cook has not been wasted! His prose billowed like the storm from which he was hiding, touching on many memories and making observations on his life and the world around him. Thor replied and assured him that, if we all make the 60th Reunion, he will be a featured speaker, regaling the class with memories served up with laughter and possibly some tears. Many of you will recall his poem, *Yesterday's Song*, from our 40th Reunion. Hopefully he will create another selection for our anthology, putting the past 60 years of our lives into perspective. ■ **Thor Gustafson**'s 80th birthday was recognized by the township committee during its meeting on August 27. The committee thanked him "for the dedication he has exhibited to his community," and noted he has served the township as an employee and as a volunteer. He is currently a board of adjustment member. The Gustafsons were looking forward to a get-together lunch at West Point with **Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray** early in February. ■ We have not heard from a number of '39ers in a long time and would appreciate news from you all.

1940

Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We need your help to get some class news. In the back of *Middlebury Magazine* you will find a card to fill out. Meanwhile, we have gleaned some news from Christmas cards. ■ **Betty Miller Palen** enjoyed a visit last summer with her old roommate from New York days at South Wellfleet, Cape Cod. ■ **Jean Sweeny Hancock** is as busy as ever. She and Betty Palen are both residents of Darien, CT. Her neighbor found a pair of oldie skis, such as the kind we used to go down the trails on Chipman Hill. For 20 dollars a pair we gave them a workout. A local restaurant up here has a pair displayed on the wall, complete with bear trap bindings. Jean spent Christmas with daughter Cindy and family. She enjoyed being a part of a busy household with lessons, practice sessions, and performances to keep on track, plus Cindy and Steve's church duties. ■ **Jean Rose Cozzens** spent Thanksgiving with her son Bill and family in Philadelphia, after which she was happy to return to Dallas weather. She's still involved with the League of Women Voters and had a busy fall getting people out to vote. She keeps the body in good condition by doing water aerobics. ■ **Laura Smith Whitworth** has two Nordic skiing grandsons who were training during Christmas vacation in UT. ■ **Hazel Phelps Stannard** welcomed her first great-grandchild—a girl—in May. "Otherwise," she writes, "things go on about the same. Still teaching piano. Have 24 students this year." ■ **Bobby Peek Loftin** is all settled in her new home in VA. She enjoyed a 60th high school reunion in Westfield, NJ, that yours truly missed due to a conflict with Middlebury's Alumni Leadership Conference. Her Christmas card was an amazing poem, mentioning several of her friends and activities. Very clever. ■ **Lois Gillette Thorkilsen** is back in the toy departments, now that her grandson is now 10 months old. She also has a 16-year-old granddaughter, a junior in high school. One week she babysits and another she water skis. It's good that Lois is resilient. Like us all, she wishes she were younger. We hope that Lois will take a side trip up to Middlebury when she visits her daughter, Karen, who is now in East Barnard, VT. ■ Bob and I have no startling news. As of mid-January, we await a decent snowstorm for some good skiing. Bobbie's granddaughter is a first-year student at Williams College, where she enjoys being a member of the Nordic ski team.

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Class Secretary: *Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753; and Mrs. Edwin A. Riggs, Jr., (Dodie Lathrop), 46 Charles St., Auburn, NY 13021.*

Friends, like Bartleby the scrivener, get out your best quill (those of the *avante garde* may use a ball point) and do the following: On page 22 of your new 55th Reunion class directory, write in bold letters **Margaret Shaub**, 371 Pearl St., Burlington, VT 05401 (802/658-3356). The Alumni Office regrets the inadvertent omission of Shaubie from the class directory. On page 21, you should add a "y" to James Turley's name to correct that listing. ■ Speaking of whom, Georgie and **Jim Turley** went on a 17-day tour of Turkey last fall, 2,200 miles from Istanbul to Bursa, Gordion, Ankara, and on to their favorite, five-star hotel, the Antâlya Sheraton Voyager: "Cecil B. DeMille gone wild!" Much of their experience brought back memories of J. Perley Davidson's history course. Jim sends his hope that all of us are in good health and spirits and enjoying another year of the "good life." ■ **Gordon Brooks**, going from me-

dium to small and simple, has moved. His new address is 2937 Captiva Gardens Dr., Sarasota, FL 34231 (941/6465). Enter this on page 5 of your class directory and all will be well! ■ **Charles** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett**, that lively, peripatetic duo, resumed residence in Hawthorne, FL, after a summer and fall of extensive visits with four of their five daughters, as well as many other relatives and friends around the U.S. Both Charles and Doris are now quite well after some health problems responded favorably to surgery and medication. ■ Sadly we record the death of **Sam Bertuzzi** who died in October. One of the outstanding leaders during our undergraduate years, Sam's service as a Naval aviator following graduation was distinguished by a remarkable encounter with six enemy aircraft. Encircled, a 25 mm shell blasted a hole in his plane's fuselage. Wounded and weak, he managed to fly to safety without instruments. His ordeal was recognized with a Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart. A great baseball fan, beloved by his fellow townfolk, Sam was a scholar with all the attributes of a polished gentleman. We shall miss him. Our condolences upon their loss go to his family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ We were saddened as well to learn of the death of **Edward A. Kister**, whose wife **Geraldine Mosher Kister** called the College to inform us. Ed transferred to Lehigh Univ. after his first year to study engineering. He received a B.S. degree from Lehigh in 1941. Ed and Gerry were married on July 29, 1943, while he was serving as lieutenant j.g. in the Navy. He is survived by two sons, two daughters, and seven grandchildren. To them and to Gerry we extend our most sincere condolences on their loss. ■ A memorial for **Helen Rice Nugent** appears elsewhere in this issue. Our deepest sympathies to her family, as we regret the passing of a cherished classmate. ■ We would also like to extend the heartfelt sympathy of the class to **Helen Rothery Higbee** and her family. Her husband Ned died December 1, 1996, after a long illness. ■ **Margaret Waller Glazier** writes: "In September my husband, our son, and I rented a small house Gîte (formerly a mill) in eastern France for a week. Then we rented a boat and cruised along the Saône for the second week. Just us, no French crew." ■ Last summer, Carl and **Shirley Metcalfe Handforth** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in NH with their family and friends. Shir was scheduled for hip replacement surgery in February and we wish her well. ■ Bill and **B. Grow Grim** had a wonderful summer cruise to Bermuda, followed by Alumni College in late August. They were looking forward to a winter visit with son Dave and family in GA. ■ **Margery Barkdull** has given up her home- and pet-sitting job in Falls Church, VA, and has moved to a cottage in a retirement community. Her new address is 12138 Cathedral Dr., Lake Ridge, VA 22192. ■ Laddie (**Edith Ladd Evans**) participated in two family weddings in '96, one for daughter Nancy in NC and one for her granddaughter in VA. Two occasions for wonderful family reunions! ■ **Caroline Butts Dodge** was spending the winter in Lake Worth, FL. As of February, I (**Dodie Lathrop Riggs**) look forward to seeing her soon and to having a visit from **Ruth Hardie Scheidecker**.

[A note from Secretary Les Ingalls: A few weeks after we submitted our report for this column, Dodie Riggs died at her winter home in Tequesta, FL. One is devastated at the sudden loss of a truly devoted co-class secretary. Dodie was the quintessential alum—loyal, active, and an enthusiastic advocate of our College. A regular participant in the Alumni College program, she made Middlebury her third home away from her native Auburn, NY. Our deepest sympathy goes to her daughter, Janet; her son, David; and her beloved grandson, Peter Riggs. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.]

The high point in their celebration came when John squeezed Mary and said, "I'm so proud of you," and Mary responded, "I'm tired of you, too."
Mary Eimer Leinbach

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 341 Long Reach Dr., Salem, SC 29676.*

Marion Anderson Jordan has moved to a retirement home (9707 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814), where "life is easier." Marion sees **Ann Curtis Wood** and Fred Dirks '30, who live in the same retirement complex. Marion writes: "No travel this year—moving was too tiring! Children and grandchildren all doing well." ■ **Chuck Beach**, who will be at Reunion, writes that reports of his marriage are exaggerated as he is still single. ■ **Nancy Hall Whitehouse** and her senior year roommate **Ginny Smith Baker** "had a wonderful but strenuous trip to Europe in September. Visited eight countries. Saw and learned a lot, but needed a month to recuperate! Ginny comes to Riverview, FL, each winter so we get together a few times. Hoping to get back for Reunion." ■ **Bill Wood** had a slow recovery from gall bladder surgery, but felt fine by Christmas. Now in his ninth year at Edgewood, he has recently enjoyed the Winslow Homer exhibit at the Fine Arts Museum in Boston, the Portland Head Light museum, a tour of the new Red Hook Brewery in Portsmouth, the Isle of Shoals, and a fall foliage trip to Great Bay. ■ Harry and **Sue Hulings Ottinger** spent a quiet Christmas, as daughter Bee was in Paris and Sue's brother and family were visiting new in-laws. ■ **Bill** and Tommie Ring '44 **Hennefrund** went to London for Christmas. We imagine you had a Dickens of a Christmas! ■ **Dodie Watson Kitchell**'s mother died in December—at the age of 102! No matter what the circumstances, it's always tough. ■ **Helen Hooley Young** broke her wrist (the right one, of course), but traveled to ME for Thanksgiving and IN for Christmas. ■ **Charlie** and **Ruth Taylor Clapper** celebrated an anniversary on a St. John's River cruise in Jacksonville, a reunion of family from Phoenix and Fairbanks, a graduation in Fairbanks, and summer at Echo with a Glen Miller Orchestra concert in St. Johnsbury. Shades of Carnival Ball in 1939. They now have three great-grandchildren. ■ Ed '40 and **Jane Giblin Langey** plans to be at Reunion, as does my roomie, **Hope Rood Redway**. Hope recently did the Canadian Rockies and went to India. Last spring she and **Dottie Milligan Schuck** took a cruise from Burgundy to Provence. Hope has two great-grandsons. Dottie was undecided about reunion, so we remind her that it's easier and cheaper than going to France! ■ John and **Mary Eimer Leinbach** finished major work on their house—two weeks before a tree fell and smashed much of their work. They celebrated their 50th with all their family at the resort in the Poconos where they honeymooned. Speaking of humorous episodes occasioned by hearing problems, the high point in their celebration came when John squeezed Mary and said, "I'm so proud of you," and Mary responded, "I'm tired of you, too." All their boys now have graduate degrees. ■ Dottie and **Dixie Davis** are going strong and up to their old tricks of golf and jazz. They'll be at Midd in May. ■ Now we regret to report that **Elma Boyer**, who worked on our campaign committee, died suddenly on January 16. She was a very faithful supporter of Middlebury. ■ **Phil** and **Betty Blanchard Robinson** are also hard workers for our class. Many of you will have heard from them as we prepare for Reunion. ■ We hope that **Bea Simpler Braun** will join us for reunion. It has been a long time since we've seen you. ■ **Helen Rivel** wrote for **Bob**, who is hospitalized. Helen has been working on our reunion committee and talked with **Pat Kane MacFadden**, who is looking forward to Reunion. ■ **Marcia Sanders** has retired, but is an active literacy volunteer. ■ **Alice Taylor Thornycroft** broke both shoulders last March and went through nurses, rehab, and Meals on Wheels. We hope she is fully recovered by now. ■ **Trudy Clendenin Repko** has had tough times. She is in bed with emphysema and runs her household from there. I'm sure she would welcome cards or letters. ■ **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** has been having eye problems, but says she'll be at Reunion if she can still see. ■ **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews** hoped to relieve Bill's arthritis by spending February and March in AZ. ■ **Mary Clough Johnstone** plans to show up at Reunion. She is still doing antiques shows, Elderhosteling and traveling in New England. ■ **John Comstock** found one of our classmates, **Phil Rifenberg**, in Venice, FL. John went to Bermuda last spring, sailing the whole way in a bad storm. He also went to a Marines reunion in Nashville. He hadn't decided whether to go south for the winter, as last one was mild. ■ **Barbara York Linscott** is looking forward to our 55th. Still hard at work, she's now with a local newspaper, as her radio station was sold in favor of hard rock. ■ **David Emmons** and his wife are members in residence at the Community of Jesus on Cape Cod. Their small, active town has theater, festivals, concerts, and varied religious services. C'mon back to Reunion, Dave. It's not that far. ■ **Scott Morrow** wrote that he has a serious heart condition and wishes all a good Reunion. ■ We wish to thank all of you for your lovely Christmas cards, which were not lost in our recent move. Now temporarily hovering in a condo near our house, we move to Tryon Estates around March 1. Our new address is above and we'd enjoy hearing from you more often.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. J.G. Krieble (Amanda Sanborne), 3646 Tolland Rd. Shaker Heights, OH 44122; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

Dave '42 and **Carol Hartman Smith** were recognized recently by the Green Mountain Club for contributing more than 10 years of work maintaining the Long Trail. ■ **Nancy Cowgill Zimmerman** (Pine Run Community, 12 Beech Cluster, Doylestown, PA 18901) was off to HI again to cook vegetarian meals for her daughter's Tropical Tune-Ups program. ■ From Kansas City, **Donna Rogers Brackett** writes that she and Charlie will be at Gooserocks Beach in ME this June, while Charlie works on restoring a boat. ■ **Al** and **Lonny Herron Hadley** were back at Hilton Head, warming up for another summer at Sedgewick, ME. ■ Cutler and **Kay Sempepos Silliman** escape the "snow belt" in Mexico, but will return for our 55th Reunion, May 29-31, 1998. Mark the date on your calendar and plan a New England tour leading to Gifford Hall. ■ **Bill Desmond**, in Claryville, NY, reports that traumatic arthritis of his ankles have forced "downsizing" of his daily cross-country skiing from 12 miles to one now, but he's still keeping a sharp eye on the natural world around him. Maintains several bird feeders, which the bears occasionally vandalize; sees deer, foxes, ravens, and (rarely) snowy owls. Bill and wife Kelly (DeLong) '46 live in a trout fisherman's paradise near the Neversink River in the Catskills. In days past Bill fished with one of trout fishing's greats, Ray Bergman, whose books a generation ago were bibles for fly fishermen; he also knew Lee and Joan Wulff, familiar names to any fly fisherman. Bill is full of tales of catching 12- to 18-inch brook trout. During winter he listens to his tapes of the "Big Band" era and watches sports events on TV. Says Kelly is well and still enjoying downhill skiing. ■ **Jim Brown**, who favored Middlebury with only one year of his presence, writes that he and Trudi are enjoying their semi-retirement in Camden, ME, "where the mountains meet the sea." Trudi is busy with Hospice and gardening, plus daily swimming at the Y. Jim writes a monthly waterfront column and two or three articles a year for *Downeast* magazine, does PR for Habitat, lines up speakers for the Mid-Coast Forum on Foreign Relations, jogs every morning and (in summer) sails his 19-foot sloop. He's currently much interested in a replica of a Viking ship which is being built in Camden by a friend who hopes to duplicate Leif Ericson's voyages. Jim was a close friend of Clem Willets, whom many of you may remember, and has a son named after Clem. ■ **Al Jefts** in Hamden, CT, says he spends much time reading these days, but does little traveling now. Enjoys his contacts with the three children of daughter Lonnie, who lives nearby in North Haven. Says he'll definitely be at the 55th, "if I'm still around." ■ **Warren Hassmer** of Truro, Cape Cod, lives on four acres of meadows and pine woods overlooking a salt marsh. He has developed extensive gardens—a shrub garden, a lily garden, an area devoted to various species of pines, and other botanical collections. In the spring of 1996, the Dennis Museum of Fine Arts included his holdings in their fund-raising tour of homes and gardens, and Warren guided some 250 visitors through his plantings that day. His interest in music remains as great as ever, and he frequently attends the Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts. ■ **Scott D. Thayer** retired two years ago from being a full-time civilian scientist with the Office of Naval Research. "Now I'm a part-time consultant (home office, computer, etc.). Wife Jean is a teacher of children with speech and language delays in the county school system. We're finally starting to *really* vacation—St. Martin, Myrtle Beach, etc.—and visit kids, grandkids, and one great-grandkid (so far) in various states from coast to coast. We're in the Greater DC phone book." Sounds great, Scott! ■ We have been notified of the death of **Margaret Dunham Hickson** on February 14, 1996. We also report with regret the passing of **Nelson M. Roberts** on December 13, 1996, after an illness of several months, according to his wife, Monda. Nellie was one of those rare people who always had a wonderful smile, usually had a joke ready, and made one's day brighter just for having seen him.

***Bill Desmond** maintains several bird feeders, which the bears occasionally vandalize; sees deer, foxes, ravens, and (rarely) snowy owls.*

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

A note from **Betts Mercer McChrystal** informs us of the death of **Mary Maurice Hayes** on January 1, 1997. **Thirza Benedict Wales** was among those attending the memorial service. Mary had been in poor health for many years, but had regularly kept in touch with eight of our classmates through their round-robin letters. Our condolences to her husband, Bob. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Betts also reported that on their New Zealand trip she and her husband met several Middlebury people, including geography prof. Bob Churchill. ■ Mary and **John Cadwell** and Sue and **Bob Darrow** attended the King Arthur seminar in Burlington in November. ■ Chuck and **Ruth Huff Allen** continue their busy life of travel and entertaining. Their most notable trip this year was a Mediterranean cruise from Athens to Istanbul. ■ **Dot Burton Skardal**'s equally busy life was interrupted by a return of her heart trouble during the spring and summer, but she has since been able to resume her active life. ■ **Lois Hoffmann Blittersdorf** became a member of a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, an honorary history society at the College of St. Joseph in Rutland. ■ Edna and **Earl Upham** celebrated their 50th anniversary last June, together with their daughter and husband, who had their 25th. "All six of our children were there, along with our 10 grandkids, relatives, friends, and neighbors. Fun time in the patio." ■ **Neil** and **Marylu Graham Atkins** became grandparents for the seventh time in November, as another grandson entered the world.

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert W. Allen (Marian Bailey), 2175 S. Ocean Blvd., #206, Delray Beach, FL 33483; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

Congratulations to Dr. **John J. McGarry** on the completion of a truly extraordinary career of service to his community of Darien, CT. As of January 15, 1997, John terminated his medical practice, which spanned six decades. His retirement will be spent in Scottsdale, AZ, and Pittsford, VT. ■ We are sorry to have to report several losses in families of the Class of '45. We regret to report that Marcy Morehouse died suddenly on October 3, 1996, of cardiac arrest. The sympathy of the class goes to her parents, Richard '43 and **Elise Van Leuven Morehouse** (37 Moon Hill Rd., Lexington, MA 02173), to her sister Jamien Morehouse '73, and to her brother Bruce Morehouse '81. ■ **Nona Fife Peck**'s husband, William W. Peck (Norwich '46) died on August 15, 1996. We send condolences to her and to their sons Jeffrey, James, and John Peck. Nona's address is RR 3, Box 3008, Brandon, VT 05733. ■ We are also saddened to report the deaths of two classmates. **Guy M. Page, Jr.**, died on November 25, and **Robert W. Zaumseil** passed away on December 29. The sympathy of our class goes out to their wives and families.

1946

Class Secretaries: *Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.), 10 Inverness Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.*

Mary Elizabeth Nordstrom reports that her new position of organist/director at the Congregational Church (UCC) of Pinehurst, NC, began on January 5, 1997. Since **Eileen Luz Johnston** alerted us to the "ski-free over 70" opportunities, we are noticing many $10/day senior rates. Ev and I stay too busy to go to snow country, but hope many of you will have enjoyed skiing this winter. We're arranging a pre-50th Dartmouth Class of '47 mini-reunion at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst in February. ■ **Phyl Faber Warren**'s grandson, Keith Warren, is a member of the Boston Children's Opera Association, which presents three productions a year. Recently selected one of their 10 best singers, he performed in *Tosca* with the Boston Lyric Opera. The Warrens celebrated their 50th anniversary in August with a drive to and from the West Coast. En route, they spent a week at a ranch in ID with their three children and spouses, and six grandchildren. ■ "Hurdle" (**Elizabeth Hurd Wyant**) mentioned during a phone call that **Peg Romer Jones** is moving, so I called Peg and learned that her new address, still in Sanford, FL, is 711 East First St., #14W, 32771. Being in Sanford, Bob and Peg are the FL reception committee for Middlebury people who take the auto train from Lorton, VA, to Sanford. They enjoy going to the station to sit with friends while they wait for their car. So let them know, says Peg, when you will be coming through. Among recent travelers have been George and **Betty Ann Donelan Gilmore** and Roy and **Frances Tenney Coombs**. ■ **Violet Schnyder Jarrell** was planning a March trip to Japan, where she was attending granddaughter Erica's elementary school graduation. This will be Terry's seventh journey to "the land of cherry blossoms." ■ **Barbara Townsend Brown**'s husband, Ken, was recuperating from a bypass operation when we spoke on the phone. We wish him well and hope for his speedy recovery. ■ **Ted Guglin** told us, during a call to his home in Rochester, NY, about the wonderful outdoor experiences he's had with his children and their families. They make a real point of getting together frequently. As they all enjoy backpacking, they often meet at River's Bend (near Dog Team) in late August. They camp out, climb Moosalamoo to Silver Lake, and rely on the RV in case of bad weather. ■ We send

our love and sympathy to **Ruth Riley Wendell** and her family on the death of her husband, Roy, on December 14, 1996, after a brief but valiant battle with leukemia. Until his illness surfaced during our 50th Reunion weekend last May, Roy enjoyed skiing, sailing, walking, and gardening. Smiley has never missed a Midd reunion and, since their wedding over 43 years ago, Roy had been there with her also. We will miss him. ■ We have come to realize that a lot of '46ers have become "snow birds" during the winter months. We know you are busy communing with nature, swimming, golfing, playing tennis, and all those good things, so please—when you return to your natural habitats—drop a line to your class secretaries and let us know what's happening.

1947

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert E. Fry (Betsy Hornaday), 535 Gradyville Rd., #135, Newtown Square, PA 19073; and Mrs. Benjamin W. Heath (Joyce Walsh) (jheath@sover.net), 13 Marble St., Brandon, VT 05733.*

Since this is our last column until REUNION, we urge any of you who are undecided about returning, please decide to come. (The bathrooms are *not* coed). We have talked with several of you with health problems, and we want you to understand that transportation is always provided. Further, the young people are unbelievably helpful and on call constantly. **Jackie Simon Moore** has written of her struggle with Parkinson's and her determination to come, no matter what. Here is one of the poems she sent to us:

Thoughts on Re-Commencement

We are looking back: fifty years have swiftly flown.
Our careers are ending. Our children all are grown.
Since that year we left this college on the hill,
How many youthful daydreams did we all fulfill?
The end of trials and triumphs each day becomes more sure.
Rejoice in loves and friendships that continue to endure!
If you did not reach the peak of that mountaintop called "Duty,"
Relax. Trust God. The foothills have their beauty,
And life has other treasure; for both purpose and pleasure
Can drift on streams of leisure.
Do not pine for springtime's promise,
Nor grasp at summer's thrill.
Do not weep for dead leaves falling,
Nor fear the winter's chill.
Relax. Trust God. Enjoy life's autumn charms.

Jackie also made an interesting observation in her last letter: "After skimming through every single one of the autobiographies, I am impressed by the number of our classmates who have worked with local libraries, either as professionals or volunteers. I keep hearing that 'people don't read any more,' but I don't believe it. Obviously most of the rest of you don't either." And our observation was that almost everyone has made a contribution to society by contributing many, many, volunteer hours to a community or organization. ■ We have received word from the College that our Class of 1947 Scholarship has once again been awarded to Kimberly Finnigan, a junior from Saranac Lake. The market value of our fund in November was $127,091. A letter from Kimberly expresses her appreciation and that of her family as well. A Spanish major, Kimberly plans to become a foreign correspondent in Spanish-speaking countries. She is house manager for the Center for the Arts (don't miss it!), and she is coaching the Middlebury High School ski team. ■ **Betsy Hornaday Fry**'s daughter and son-in-law (David and Lynn Fry Hunting, both Class of '73) on Bainbridge Island, WA, sent an article from the *Bainbridge Review* headed "The mess won't last, West says." The story reported Mayor **Janet Kraft West**'s annual State of the City address to the Bainbridge Island City Council. It should have been termed the State of the Storm Cleanup. Janet said "the problems will be multiplied if we get more storms." And so they were when the family and house of a high school teacher were later washed away by a mudslide. ■ Remember: 50th REUNION! May 29-June 1.

1948

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kellogg (Marya Steele), 7 Murdock Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

"Always on the move," writes **Eleanor Barker Prescott**. "Living in Toronto is far removed from all the action in the East. However, with our vacation home in Middlebury, we get back there as often as possible and don't miss too much there. Our children in Oakville and Bramalea, Ontario, and a Chicago suburb keep us on the go. And also we feel, while we have our health, these are our traveling years!" ■ **Roy Wilcox** writes: "On the road a good deal doing 'the grampaw circuit'" to Boston (Amy

Middlebury's Most Popular Gift Idea Is Now Even Better!

HIGHER RATES

The most popular vehicle in Middlebury's planned giving arsenal has always been the charitable gift annuity. Effective immediately, that attractive gift tool has become even better because the rates the College is offering have increased by at least 0.5 percent and, in many cases, as much as 0.9 percent.

WHY HIGHER NOW?

The annuity rates are set by a group known as the American Council on Gift Annuities, which represents all types of charitable organizations. The ACGA met this winter with its actuaries and economists and determined that with the present financial climate charities could offer the new, higher rates without fear of losing money on this type of gift transaction.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

A donor transfers a minimum of $10,000 in cash, appreciated securities, or, occasionally, real estate to Middlebury and in return the College agrees to pay the donor, and possibly one other beneficiary, a fixed percentage of the gift value every three months for as long as either of the beneficiaries is alive. Part of that payout is usually free of federal income taxes. In addition to the fixed income, there is a spreading out of capital gains taxes, and the donor is entitled to a charitable contribution deduction for a portion of the gift.

HOW HIGH ARE THE NEW RATES?

Immediate Payments

Age	Payout %
60	6.9%
60, 60	6.6
70	7.7
70, 70	7.1
80	9.4
80, 80	8.2

Deferred Payments

Present Age	Payout Age	Payout %
45	65	21.8%
50	65	16.3
50, 50	65, 65	15.4
60	65	9.1
60	70	13.0
60, 60	65, 65	8.6

HOW TO LEARN MORE

If you would like to find out your exact rate, or the exact rate for you and your spouse, as well as details about tax information, please contact Edward Sommers '60, Director of Planned Giving, Forest Hall, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.
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E-mail: sommers@panther.middlebury.edu

Class Act

A Woman's Place is Every Place

In 1966 when Virginia "Toni" Carabillo '48 joined the National Organization for Women it was a radical step to take. Since then she has marched many miles in support of the women's movement and raised many thousands of dollars in her many roles with NOW, including president of the L.A. chapter and member of the national board of directors.

Nowadays, Carabillo serves as national vice president of the Feminist Majority, an organization she founded with Eleanor Smeal, Peg Yorkin, Judith Meuli, and Katherine Spillar in 1987 to encourage women's empowerment. A writer and graphic designer by profession, Carabillo was an associate editor of "The Eleanor Smeal Report," a national feminist newsletter, from 1983 to 1990, and she assisted in the production of two videotapes on abortion. In 1988 she co-authored a book with Judith Meuli, entitled *The Feminization of Power*. In her "spare" time, she developed a chronology of the 20th-century feminist movement as a computerized database, which later became the basis for a book she co-authored, *The Feminist Chronicles, 1953-1993*. *The Chronicles* are actually excerpted from a larger work in progress, *The Feminist Chronicles of the 20th Century*, which will be released at the Feminist Majority's Expo 2000.

Since 1990 she has been coping with cancer and the hazards of an immune system compromised by chemotherapy, which leaves her easily subject to infections. Although the cancer (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) has been in remission since 1994, her constant battle with infections does slow her work. Hanging on Carabillo's wall is a quotation from William Sloane Coffin which reads, in part: ". . . hope, as opposed to cynicism and despair, is the sole precondition for new and better experiences. . . . and hope arouses as nothing else can arouse a passion for the possible." Certainly Carabillo's work has aroused that contagious passion and helped to change what is possible for those women who come after her. ■

'83), Chatham, NJ (Martha), and Albany (Duane '77). ■ Recently we found **Henry Schneiker** at the Center for the Arts and learned that he has a home, second to Brooklyn, on Otter Creek. He joins many alumni with a foothold in this area. ■ The recipient of our scholarship fund this year is Elizabeth Hunter '99. We recently walked to McCullough and met her at the Crest Room. She was very enthusiastic about her college choice. Of course! Her mother Midd '65, teaches in South Berwick, ME. Elizabeth studies environmental geology and is a crew member. A Middlebury crew? In winter they row in the gym and move to Lake Dunmore when the ice leaves.

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1949

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and the Rev. Harold Richardson, 39 Spinners Run, South Windsor, CT 06074.*

Carrie Huxford, Class of '49 Scholarship recipient, is a senior at Midd and will finish in February 1998. She completed a year of study at the Univ. Iberoamericana in Mexico City, where she studied political science with other majors from Mexico. Her focus is on changes within World Bank policy in Mexico from 1979 to the present. Carrie sends her thanks to our class for her support. ■ We regret to report several recent deaths in our class: **Bob Boucher** on December 9, **Helen Kline Kingsolver** on December 20, **Ruth Durland Fyfe** on January 7, and **Barbara Buckley Creamer** on January 10. To all of their families, we extend the sympathies of the Class of 1949. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue for all four classmates. ■ **Bob Williams** has retired from his job as VP in the banking world and now concentrates on two daughters nearby in CT, two others in WA and VT, and four grandchildren. ■ Dex '50 and Norma Horsford Whittinghill '51, of Lexington, MA, say they've been fighting termites when not playing tennis. They had dinner with Bob '71 and Sally Hayes Whittaker '70, and saw Ed '51 and Jean Maintain Higgins '51. They said Charlie '48 and Mim Wade Butts '48 have been running tours to England. Anybody like to see Plymouth? ■ **Don Harris** lives in Bismarck, ND, where it was 80 below with the windchill factor last winter! Don grew up on his father's farm in Middlebury, VT, and studied to become a soil scientist. His parents, Homer '18 and Katherine Hurd Harris '18, both went to Midd, along with two uncles. Don says that Charlie Munroe (Class of 1896), who gave $2 million for Munroe Hall, made his fortune in the '20s with street cars and utilities. ■ **Marilyn Crawford Stoke** and I (**Pat Allen Guthrie**) lived in the same town in Arcadia, CA, for about seven years, so it was good to receive her Christmas letter. The Stokes have three children—daughter Nancy, a minister in Beirut, Lebanon; son Jeff, a lawyer in San Diego, CA; and daughter Nancy, a mortgage consultant in southern CA. Marilyn and Randy have been doing a lot of traveling. They returned from a trip to China in September, planned a January ski vacation in Tahoe, and were off to Turkey, Ankara, Cappadocia, Adana, Ephesus, and Istanbul in May. Last year they were in Africa for their third safari. ■ When I heard from **Joan Keller Alden**, of Needham, MA, she had just returned from the Cape, where she had been visiting friends and family and preparing pier and boats for hurricane possibilities. Joan, who is active in the New England Conservatory, enjoyed a week of opera in Central City, CO, last summer. She found that the Brown Palace in Denver is still an elegant hotel. In October, she flew to France and visited the Loire Valley and Provence. Joan has eight grandchildren and hopes to get back for our 50th! ■ **George Byers** announced his retirement as of February 28. "Went back to work after only five months of 'leisure' in December 1995 for an opportunity to turn around a 10-office residential real estate company. Looking forward to spending more time with Peg, my wife for 45 wonderful years." ■ Congratulations to **Dixon Hemphill**, who completed his 10th marathon by running in the Columbus (OH) Marathon. "Previous races during the past three years have included Marine Corps (Washington, DC), Shamrock (Virginia Beach, VA), Stockholm (Sweden), and the 100th Boston (MA) Marathon. Fastest time was three hours 44 minutes at age 70." ■ **Kyle Prescott** wrote just after reading the fall issue of *Midd Magazine*: "It is always so good to read about your friends and find out how they are. We are lucky to be in Midd so often, especially for trustee meetings and hockey games! Our class secretaries, Pat and Hal, need your help. Write and give them your news!"

1950

Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker (parkerbj@aol.com), 13 Burnham Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 (fax 201/475-1545); and Ms. Barbara Kraft Packer (fapjr@aol.com), 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

Joan Kent Warnke has moved to Patriots Colony, a brand new retirement community in Williamsburg, VA. Despite some regrets about leaving AZ, she feels that "after 19 years it's time for a change." If we travel her way we may find her "in colonial costume dipping candles and making soap while telling wide-eyed visitors about the wonders and secrets of tallow and lye." That will certainly be different from leading tours at the Phoenix Botanical Garden, her former gig. ■ **Nancy Rose Edmonds** plans to move to Austin, TX, to be near her oldest daughter and granddaughter. She recently went on a group tour of Jordan and the Holy Land. She hopes to return once in a while to the annual get-together of nifty fifties grads at **Nat Richards**'s home in Matapoisset, Cape Cod. Guests generally include **Ginny Ringo Cleary**, Ed and **Marjorie Hayden Atkins** and Bob and **Ellie Flett Kingsland**. ■ **Harry Brew**, retired from medicine, has taken up painting (walls and ceilings, that is) as he and wife Marianne get the house (they call it a barn) in which they raised six children ready for sale. They plan to stay in the Mt. Kisco, NY, area. ■ **John Bolos** has retired after 25 years of teaching French, Spanish, and Russian at Manhasset High School on Long Island. He is staying put in his home. ■ Also retired, **Ed Works** keeps in shape by swimming at the Y. ■ A retired teacher of Spanish, **Pete Powell Lauridsen**, of Stamford, CT, is now teaching adult courses and volunteering at the hospital. We reached Pete just after she had gotten together in NYC with **Jean** (Smokey) **Walsh**, who had come from Burlington with a theatre group. ■ **Tony Sporborg**, retired from teaching humanities and school administration, now enjoys hobbies and traveling. Favorite place: Scotland. ■ **Meg Fohring German** describes her life as "wandering all over the world with her husband, James," a noted geneticist and lecturer. Meg finds a variety of things to do on these junkets—downhill skiing in CO, attending performances of Wagner's entire *Ring* cycle in Dusseldorf, getting up at 4 a.m. to watch a shuttle launch at Cape Canaveral (which she describes as watching a sunrise fade into a disappearing star in a dark night). While in FL, Meg and James visited **Chris White Man** in St. Augustine. In April, they journeyed to Scotland and the mystical isle of Iona, a famous retreat. At home, Meg keeps busy raising funds and planning events for the House of the Redeemer, a vintage Renaissance-style building in New York. ■ During our interviews, we asked classmates to tell us what was special about attending Middlebury in the forties. Here are some of their favorite recollections: **Nancy Rose Edmonds**—"experiencing a sense of place at Middlebury, especially living at the Château protected by the presence of Mademoiselle Binand." **Harry Brew**—the camaraderie he found at Middlebury, the pleasure of a school existence after two-and-a-half years in the Navy, and the company of his fellow students, both male and female. **John Bolos**—the fact that the GI bill made it possible for him to attend college, the help Dr. Freeman gave him to obtain sufficient V.A. benefits to finish his last semester, the quality of the professors, and the good sermons he heard from visiting preachers in compulsory chapel. **Pete Powell Lauridsen**—"Back then people who went to Midd cared about each other, and the general atmosphere among classmates was open and friendly." She also recalls the Middlebury songs and "step singing." **Tony Sporberg**—Middlebury was special because he got married to Cleone Jones '49, had an apartment down by Otter Creek, and got to play football. **Ed Works**—fraternity life, which gave him a chance to be a waiter and earn good room and board, and playing basketball (although he wishes the team had won more games). **Meg Fohring German**—"It was a beautiful place, where learning was encouraged with relatively little pressure. I made wonderful friends. And it was also somewhat of an age of innocence. World War II was over. We were looking forward to enjoying prosperous, happy lives. Today's children face much different prospects—the anxiety of downsizing, the expectation that life may not be as secure or as filled with opportunities for them as it was for their predecessors." ■ One Midd student with an optimistic future is Jade Star Lackey '98, from Crown Point, NY, who has once again won the Class of 1950 scholarship. Jade wrote us to express his appreciation "for helping him realize his Middlebury experience." He's treasurer of the Geology Club and is a representative on the Student Advisory Committee. This committee writes recommendations for professors' tenure reviews and acts as liaison between departments and students. He's doing research for his geology thesis in the Northeast Kingdom and has begun his search for graduate school/employment. ■ Everyone out there: Let us know what you're doing and how you feel about your own Midd experience.

1951

Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, RD 2, Box 540, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Many members of our class spoke of returning to 50th high school reunions this spring. A good warm up for OUR 50th in 2001! ■ **Helen Guernsey Bates** may go to hers at Wellesley High School. In the meantime, after a career in chemistry research (most recently for Boeing), she is enjoying bridge, dancing, and rollerskating, plus visits with 10 grandchildren. Anyone for pickle ball? Helen will send you the rules for this Seattle-original net game! ■ Missing snow, though living in the mountains of GA now for 28 years, **Barbara Glenn Pempel** has raised show horses with their daughter. Amy is now an award-winning public relations officer for an Orlando TV network. Bobbie and Ralph see her while at their Ormond condo. ■ After years of moves and transfers in the military life, **Jane Walker Nutting** is delighted to be back in ME. Husband General Wallace Nutting retired in 1985, then had a Harvard Fellowship and a stint at the National Defense Univ. Happy news: the Nuttings' grandson has been accepted for the Class of 2001—graduating just before our reunion date! ■ I (**Meg Curry Gregg**) had a good talk with **Mary Kahler Hench** in Charleston, SC. She says she's "alive and well and living a rich, creative life." Mary especially enjoys her affiliation with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Chorus. ■ It was nostalgia time when your secretary spoke with **Nancy Lee (Nikki) Young**. As newly graduated Midd coeds, off we went to Washington, DC. We shared a townhouse, 11 feet wide, near the canal in Georgetown. Nikki is still near water, living since 1974 in a "darling little house with sunset views" on a wide water creek off the Chesapeake Bay. For 35 years she has sung in church choirs, with 14 years in the Cathedral Choral Society of the Washington National Cathedral. We wish her well as she recovers from her second cataract implant. ■ When I called **Virginia (Jinny** aka **Jimmy) Snively-Bader**, she reminded me that I had introduced our third housemate to her brother, "Cubby" Snively, then at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Result: one sister-in-law and six nieces and nephews! Jimmy and Mel have been in central FL for 13 years, surrounded by citrus trees and golf fairways. Annual visits to Durham, NH, keep them in touch with New England. To her continuing surprise, she had open heart surgery in December. She sounded very chipper. Good luck, Jimmy! ■ Congratulations to **Marianne Folke Lincoln**, president of a garden club which has been named the Gold Club of the State of TX. (Yellow rose of TX?) She and Paul '52 have done a lot of traveling: to Southeast Asia and China, then last year to Norway and the Baltic. This June they'll be heading to Middlebury for Paul's 45th Reunion. (We missed you two at ours.) ■ We are saddened to report the death of **John Moreau** on December 7 and of **Peter Drennan** on December 20. We send the condolences of the class to both families. Memorials appear elsewhere in this magazine.

1952

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Ruth Eldridge Race (Mrs. Peter K.), P.O. Box 103, Boxford, MA 01921; and Bill Barber, 19504 Gallatin Ct., Montgomery Village, MD 20879.*

In October, Kluwer Law International published a book by **Joseph W.S. Davis, Jr.** Entitled *Dispute Resolution in Japan*, he describes it as "a handbook for western lawyers and businessmen faced with the possibility of litigation or arbitration." Joe tells us that "it took over four years to write and should contribute to a better understanding of doing business in that country." As a former international general counsel for IBM, Joe lived in Japan for over 20 years. ■ **Haven Whiteside** reports that he is "building houses with Habitat for Humanity in sunny Tampa, FL." ■ **Joan Weber**, known professionally as Caissa Willmer, writes: "I'm on the verge of retirement as a senior staff writer for the Cornell Univ. office of development and will focus on writing and producing plays by, about, and for women as a member of Third Floor Productions, a collaborative writing and producing unit." ■ **Jonna Mauritzen Durden** has a new address: P.O. Box 13272, Mexico Beach, FL 32410. She retired in 1995 after 30 years of teaching, 25 of which included instructing emotionally handicapped elementary children. She and husband Leon, who is retired from the U.S. Marine Corps, have moved to FL's panhandle, near the Tyndall A.F.B. Unfortunately, Jonna won't be able to attend reunion, but wishes us all a great time. ■ **Margaret (Peg) Lewis West** is volunteering in two places. At least once a

A happy group of Middlebury alumni cruised, swam, and snorkeled in the American and British Virgin Islands in February. Attending the reception hosted by the College on board the M/V Nantucket Clipper *were Jane Corcoran '63, Barbara Grigg Welsh '46, Jan Hand Ranlet '49, Amy Fox '93, Ruth Eldridge Race '52, Robert Wood '43, Earl Gale '52, and Robin Pratt Whitely '68.*

week she is at the Refugee Resettlement Office, which is part of the Inter-Religious Council, where her husband is business manager. Peg noted that she is pleased to help the process, that the office does a super job, and that the community is caring and responsive. She is also serving as the coordinator for one area of the AARP Tax Counseling for the Elderly program. She says that it is time-consuming, but much appreciated. Peg enjoys visiting her grandchildren in both TX and GA. Last April she and her husband had a great week in HI, renting a house with friends on Kauai and spending several days in Honolulu. ■ **Alan Gussow** is co-curator of the art exhibition "Rediscovering the Landscape of the Americas," appearing in several cities in 1997-98 and including at least one of Alan's own works. The exhibition emphasizes paintings "by natives, new and old" of the Americas, artists who "function in an arena bounded by ... geography and by consciousness, by the physical facts of their locations and by the deeper resonance of the place—the myths and spirits of the surrounding world." The exhibition is scheduled for Bellingham, WA, April-June '97; Rochester, NY, September-November '97; and Charleston, SC, January-March '98. For more information, contact the Gerald Peters Gallery at 505/988-8961. Several works from the exhibition appeared in the final pages of the Lands' End catalog for February 1997. ■ The 1996-97 recipient of the Class of 1952 Scholarship is once again Amy Durato, a senior from Manchester, CT. An environmental studies major, she was a College Scholar in the spring '96 semester. Amy is a member of the Leadership and Self-Development Program Committee, and works on campus as a receptionist in the academic computing office. At the end of June '96, our Scholarship Fund had a book value of $122,180 and a market value of $449,832, the latter having increased by about 15 percent in the past year. ■ We are sorry to report the death of **Charlotte (Chuckie) Olsen McIntyre** on October 14, 1996. Chuckie was active in Middlebury athletics, and I (**Ruth Eldridge Race**) remember her warmly as a sorority friend. In recent years she had been involved in volunteering for Hospice and at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Meriden, CT. Our sympathy goes to her daughter, Karen McIntyre Jarvis '75, and her other family members. A memorial appeared in the winter issue of *Middlebury Magazine*.

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***Haven Whiteside** reports that he is "building houses with Habitat for Humanity in sunny Tampa, FL."*

1952

1953

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. David Clemens (Carol Jennings), P.O. Box 962, Hallstead, PA 18822 (CClemens@epix.net).*

Peter and **Connie Gibbs Oliver** took a dream trip in May of '96, sailing on a 12-passenger motor yacht from Istanbul down the southwest coast of Turkey, visiting Gallipoli, Troy, Assos, Pergamum, Sardis, and Ephesus. Connie continues her involvement with flowers, church, and sports—particularly golf and paddle tennis. Peter is on the board of two regional health systems. ■ Even though **Bill** and Suky Tallman '59 **Walter** are supposed to be retired, you can't accuse them of goofing off. Bill traveled on the East Coast last year and business took them both to Dallas, Raleigh, Nashville, and Cambridge, MA. They tried a two-week Elderhostel trip to Austria, with lectures in the morning, field trips in the afternoon, and concerts at night. Numerous other trips took them to visit family in FL and on the West Coast. Bill is also overseeing the construction of a Walt Whitman Birthplace Visitor Center. ■ After a year of retirement on FL's west coast, Don '51 and **Biffy Darling Sherburne** are beginning to think of it as home. They enjoy being close to son Kevin and family, and are a regular cheering section at grandson David's weekly basketball games. They do extensive sailing in Lightning races all over FL, and last November competed in races with old friends in Nashville, TN. They still enjoy spending several months on Lake Dunmore with children and grandchildren. As Biffy notes, "it's wonderful to see the next generation working into the camp routine—riding the kneeboard behind the motorboat, soloing on the Sunfish, fishing, water-skiing. and sailboarding." ■ Congratulations to **Millard Davis**, whose new book *Natural Pathways in New Jersey* is coming out in the spring. Electronically savvy classmates can reach him at MDavis4535@aol.com. ■ **Lyman Allen** spent the night with us (Dave and Carol) en route from VA to his VT home. Retired as a builder, he enjoys contact with kids by driving a school bus part time. He's also occupied with a ghost-writing project for a friend. He traveled to Seattle to spend Christmas with his children, grandchildren, and former wife Nancy. They had a great time, despite being marooned in the house for several days by the Seattle storms. ■ In January we participated in a fascinating natural history cruise in the Sea of Cortez, which included many Zodiac landings to explore the Sonoran Desert of Baja California. In Tucson for a few days en route, we contacted **George West** and had two marvelous days of birding with him. We also enjoyed George and wife Ellen's fine hospitality in their Green Valley, AZ, winter home. Ellen makes beautiful silver and gold jewelry, which is sold through the Wests' Birchside Studios and the American Birding Association catalog. Still very active in birding circles, George is a frequent contributor to "Birdchat" on the Internet. He invites classmates who travel to the area to look him up and, based on our experience, we highly recommend that you do! ■ **Carolyn Kildare Kramer** reports visiting **Jeanine Riviere Puydoyer** and her husband Jean Louis. Jeanine has developed a remarkable second career as an artist, but Jean Louis, regrettably, is seriously ill. ■ **Laura Chapman Rico** is still busy with teaching, tutoring, and Christian education, including vacation Bible school in Anvik, AK, each summer. She reported that daughter May was taking a cruise in January which would include a visit to Mazatlan, Mexico, her father's hometown. ■ Congratulations to newlyweds Ray and **Sandra Sheffield Overton**, who were married on July 11, 1996. ■ Bruce and **Barb Holme Conroe** took part of their family to Disney World last spring. Then the Conroes, with Dave and **Peggy Schlumpf Lambert**, spent a week "walking the fells" in the Lake District of England. Another week in Scotland followed, "touring, driving on the LEFT in the Highlands, and staying in bed & breakfasts. Fabulous!" They are now having fun singing with the Skidmore College Chorus. ■ The '53 Scholarship was, once again, awarded for 1996-97 to Jessica Goldberg. A molecular biology major, Jessica spent her junior year at the Univ. of Nottingham, England. She is a volunteer with the Middlebury Rescue Squad. It might interest you to know that the market value of the Class of '53 Scholarship Fund is now well over $400,000. ■ With regret we received news of the death of **Michael Alvaro**, who passed away on January 6, 1997. We send the sympathy of the class to his family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1954

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore) Masons Island, 4 Osprey Lane, Mystic, CT 06355; and Mr. M. Richard Davenport, P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440.*

Marcia Kraft Goin attended Alumni College XXI with daughter Jessica Goin '90. They enjoyed the "Hiking and Writing in the Mountains" course. Coming from Los Angeles, they joined Marcia's sister, Barbara Kraft Packer '50, and mother Dorothy Kraft at the Bread Loaf campus. Marcia lost her husband, John, to cancer in May 1995, after 35 wonderful years of marriage. A plastic surgeon, John authored a book—*Changing the Body: Psychological Effects of Plastic Surgery* (Williams & Wilkins, 1981)—with Marcia, who is a psychiatrist. Marcia recently won her campaign to become a trustee-at-large of the American Psychiatric Assoc. ■ Last August, Rod and **Lannie Osborn Gartner** spent a weekend in VT, where they had "a family reunion for Rod and a chance for us to enjoy the Middlebury golf course and a boat ride on Lake Champlain. It was HOT!"

1955

Class Secretaries: *Katherine Hughes von Hartz, 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and Frank E. Punderson, Jr., 19 W. St., Rutland, VT 05701.*

Ann Towle Dolbashian retired from Raytheon in 1993 and is now pursuing a degree in music at RI College. She plans to finish in May 1998. She is also very busy in her position as organist at a Congregational church in Middletown, RI. Ann recently gave a hands-on workshop at the church to introduce children to the mysteries of organ playing. According to Ann, "the organist pool is really small," so she is encouraging the younger generation to take up the instrument. She reports that her "three children are fine and my three grandchildren are the most beautiful and talented on earth!" ■ From La Jolla, CA, **Jerry Gross** reports that his company is producing a nationally syndicated radio sports talk show from Las Vegas. Launched on March 3, it airs for three hours daily (Monday-Friday), with Hall-of-Famer Rick Barry as

Jerry's co-host. Jerry and wife Gretchen, whose 41st anniversary celebration was on April 8, have two children, Jeff and Suzy, and three grandchildren. ■ **Nancy Carpenter Ellis** became the interim principal of Shelburne (VT) Community School in December. Nancy has been working in education for more than 28 years, most recently as an adjunct professor in educational assessment and evaluation at Trinity College in Burlington. This year she is working with staff, parents, and the community to develop written standards and curriculum for the 863-student school.

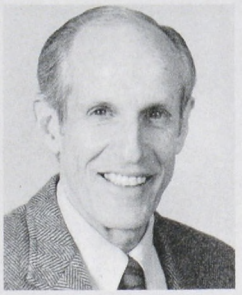
1956

Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; Joan MacKinnon Houghton (willho@aol.com), 422 Taylor Pl., Ithaca, NY 14850; and Lee Goodrich Tupman, 309 Cloverway Dr., Alexandria, VA 22314.*

From India via e-mail come some observations of **Ginny Collins Emerson** and **Nanka Marvin Hall**. They were in India for two weeks in January, visiting Ginny's brother, the medical attaché to the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. "If there is one impression that we have so far of the Indian people, it is that they are extremely enterprising and are capable of creating a dazzling array of beautiful craft products." They reported that the poverty, though ever present, was partially relieved by the abounding sense of human energy everywhere. When last heard from they were about to attend the spectacular 50th anniversary liberation parade in New Delhi. Then they were off to Madras and the Arabian Sea. ■ The Class of 1956 now has a state senator amongst our number. Congratulations to **Hull Maynard**, who was elected to the VT State Senate in November. In a very exciting race, Hull—a first-time Republican candidate—defeated the incumbent by *two* votes in his Rutland County district. ■ **Ann Case Holt** is very excited about the design and building of a new parish hall in St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Pittstown, NJ. Casey reports that it is particularly heartening to see the great numbers of younger people involved in the church today. ■ **Bob** and **Sally Smith Vuillet** are moving to Stanfordville, NY, just down the street from daughter Kathleen and two grandchildren. Daughters Suzanne and Heather live in AK. If you listen to NPR, you might pick up the essays Heather writes and produces for Monitor Radio, a subsidiary of the Christian Science Monitor. ■ Jim and **Cynthia Holt Hunt** and their five children have purchased a B & B in Greensboro, VT. It will be operated primarily by the children, but Cynthia and Jim plan to be there during summers. Restoration is needed, but the talents for that are in the family. Now retired from the Canterbury Shaker Village, Cynthia is considering several other job possibilities while "leading the life of Riley." ■ **Leigh Updike Johnson, Maureen Craig Seamans, Jean Savoye Breeden** and **Mo Mower Tasse** recently went on a one-week canoeing adventure on the wilderness waterway, the Alligash River in ME. There were rapids and "it was fabulous," reports Mo.

Class Act

Something To Do With Their Hands



In 1970, while Roger Chapin '54 was visiting wounded marines at the Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, he asked them if they needed anything. One badly wounded young marine replied, "Give me something to do with my hands." And he wasn't the only one to tell Chapin that the endless hours of recuperation were even harder to take than combat itself.

So Chapin came up with a kit—lots of kits actually. Arts and crafts kits for model building, painting, leather carving, sewing, etc. Each kit included the donor's name and address on a card encouraging patient/donor correspondence. Many pen-pal friendships resulted.

When Chapin saw the therapeutic value of these craft kits and how much they were appreciated by the patients, he founded Help Hospitalized Veterans (HHV, 2065 Kurtz St., San Diego, CA 92110) to keep a steady supply of craft kits flowing. Twenty-five years later, he has raised over $131 million for the project. Bob Hope got into the act, presenting kit No. 500,000 and kit No. 1 million on behalf of HHV.

When hospitalized veterans work creating something with their hands, it seems to make them more responsive to treatment and helps them find meaning in life. Physicians and therapists recommend the specific type of kit that will be most beneficial in a patient's rehabilitation. Certain kits are preferred for developing finger dexterity or hand control, others for improving hand-eye coordination, and others to assist in concentration.

President Clinton honored Chapin at the White House last summer, marking the 25th anniversary of his organization. But Chapin was quick to pass the credit along to the many loyal donors who have contributed $8 for each of the 15 million craft kits given to the vets so far. He also gives profuse thanks to the many volunteers and staff members who provide the TLC that goes along with every kit. ■

1957

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Alexandrine Post Koontz (XanieK@aol.com), 204 Totoket Rd., Branford, CT 06405; and Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donnell Wallace (timwallace@msn.com), 201 Asbury St., South Hamilton, MA 01982.*

The call to communicate in our first reunion letter has been answered by several people, including **Peter Decker** and **David Stiver**. And so it is that *The Class of '57 Post-graduate Prattle/News* is launched for reunion distribution. Dip writes that he was reminded recently of his age—and ours—when he spotted a '57 Chevy with *Antique* license plates. Enough! He has completed a book manuscript about the changing landscape of the rural west for the Univ. of AZ Press and a six-year term on the Federal Reserve Board in Denver. David continues plotting "something for reunion" with **Alan Painter** when he returns from "GR/FR/SP." David works for Nabisco and Alan works for Allied Signal in Morristown, so they cross paths frequently. Peter and **Gail Parsell Beckett** are planning the lunch gathering on Sunday, June 1, about which you will have received information. ■ Renate and **Frederick Raskopf** are now firmly ensconced in Chapel Hill, where Rick has opened a residential real estate development firm. He has a couple of spec houses underway in a golf community where they plan to build their own place shortly. They contemplate taking up golf, but are going slow, "recognizing both our severe lack of aptitude and the fact that the golf course is one of the hardest ones around! Perhaps we shall stick to shopping and reading magazines." Daughter Christina Raskopf Seale '92 is in the MBA program at Columbia, while son Mark Raskopf '94 is associated with Winklevoss Consultants in Greenwich, CT. ■ We are grateful to Frederic F. "Derry" Taylor '58 for letting us know about the November death of his lifelong friend **Herbert F. "Skip" Ramsdell, Jr.**, after a long bout with cancer. "Although we remember him for those wonderful good times—sailing on Buzzards Bay, elusive striped bass we were always trying to catch, skiing at the Snow Bowl, those thousands of hours of conversation—we will remember him even more for the bad times when he faced a critical illness with courage, tenacity, unselfishness, and grace. I may be an optimist, but I think there are probably a few more like him

in this world." We convey the sympathy of the class to the Ramsdell family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Leslie Cone Pagnotta '92, our very able staff planner, has notified us that a number of Class of '57 members have responded and are planning to attend Reunion. Check out a list of probable participants in one of your mailings. As always, please keep the news, suggestions, and prattle coming our way.

1958

Class Secretaries: *Stephanie Eaton, 112 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; Joseph E. Mohbat (75610.3476@compuserve.com), 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and Ann Parnie Ormsbee, 1699 Candelero Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.*

Ken Milner writes from Spain, where he has lived for 35 years: "I find life very sweet in this vastly visited but largely undiscovered country. I retired over two years ago from Ford Spain and I am immensely enjoying my new freedom in our busy house outside Madrid with my Spanish wife, Rian, and four offspring, who are either pursuing careers or studies but are still living at home (due I suspect to Rian's superb Mediterranean cooking). Our eldest son is a Downs' Syndrome person who commutes daily to his special workshop. His quick trusting smile is evidence of the fact he gives us all much more than he receives." Ken occasionally does short translations for an American advertising agency and he has "accepted a non-executive director appointment by an information technology company." He would like to hear from anyone who can help him publish a couple of novels he has written. His themes are "success and failure, love and hate, revenge and forgiveness, international terrorism—the usual things—and sharp character development." Contact Ken at Parquelagos, Albares, 20, 28420 La Navata (Madrid), Spain. ■ **Martha Belknap** has published her third book, *Mind-Body Magic: Creative Activities for Any Audience.* Copies are available from Whole Person Associates, 210 W. Michigan, Duluth, MN 55802. Martha offers relaxation workshops and creativity courses nationally through schools, universities, hospitals, and businesses. She is also the author of *Taming Your Dragons* and *Taming More Dragons*, books and audiotapes of creative activities for home and school.

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1959

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Anthony Balabon (Kay Shook), 615 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087; and Dr. Byron H. Koh, 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.*

Bruce Cameron is general manager of the Santa Barbara Inn on the ocean in CA. In its five-star restaurant, Citronelle, Bruce has chatted with mystery writer Sue Grafton and actor Michael Douglas, who gave a dinner there for 130 people. Although on call 24 hours a day, he plays golf once a week and may be able to return to tennis soon, after a three-year back problem. The Camerons have five children and three grandchildren, all in CA. ■ **Robert Ray**, the one who did not sing, retired from Gillette five years ago, after 28 years. He spends one third of his time on venture capital start-ups; one third with nonprofit organizations (such as homeless shelters and human service boards in Boston); and another third traveling, playing tennis, and skiing. While raising three children in Ipswich, MA, Bob played touch football and tennis with author John Updike. ■ **Fred Swan** is investigating the air quality of office buildings as operations manager, industrial hygiene div., with ATC Associates in NYC. Wife Pat works in the chem lab of the Robert Wood Johnson Univ. Hospital. Son Peter is majoring in film editing at the School of Visual Arts. Son Eric (a chemist with American Cyanamid near Princeton) married Anna Christensen in May 1995. Fred caught a 32-inch blue fish off Nantucket in June. In December '95 he and Pat were in Tenerife, Canary Islands, and he enjoyed seeing Bea and **Bob Luce** at the Middlebury alumni opera in January '96. ■ Formerly president of a company manufacturing high pressure cylinders, **George Finch** now works for a Milwaukee firm, providing absorbents for oil spills. George has two children and one granddaughter (3). Three years ago he remarried and gained three teenage daughters, who are living away from home now. He makes furniture in his basement woodworking shop and cruises the lakes on his 40-foot power boat, *Sea Ray.* George will skate this year for the first time in years. ■ From CT, **Frank Simon** covers New England, retailing women's apparel. He says business is changing as the result of many mergers; one buyer now buys for hundreds of stores. His favorite town is Greenfield, MA, because of its downtown. He has had six Buick Centuries, getting between 123,000 and 140,000 miles on each. Frank and his wife of 35 years own two horses and keep five on their 20 acres. ■ **George Jackson** retired this January, after a 32-year career as a Remington Arms purchasing agent. He plans to ski, spend more time in VT at his summer camp on Lake Bomoseen, golf, hunt, fish, and do some business consulting as a Certified Purchasing Manager. **Linda Brewster Jackson** has been a benefits analyst for 15 years with Met Life and United Health Care. She has also read Presbyterian national ordination exams. She golfs, skis, and plays tennis, and is president of a 50-couple dinner/dance club. George and Linda will be in Europe this spring. One son works for Raytheon, one is an accountant (MBA, Dartmouth), and their daughter is in insurance in Portland, OR. ■ **Hugo Wyss** was a banker at Chase for 27 years, until joining the Union Bank of Switzerland as a specialist in commodity trading in 1987. He and wife Meta lived in Switzerland for seven years. Their two daughters are married and they have two grandchildren. Daughter Hillary is doing a doctorate in English at the Univ. of NC, Chapel Hill. The Wysses spend time away from NYC cross-country skiing in Cornwall, CT. Hugo has met **Paul Fitzgerald** at the Metropolitan Opera. ■ On his farm, Act Two, in Chelsea, VT, **Dave Rochat** raises lambs, pigs, cows, and chickens, makes maple syrup, cuts wood, and raises vegetables. His wife spins wool. They have four children (two went to Middlebury) and six grandchildren. ■ **Paul T. Wise** of Irvington, NY, has been appointed VP business development at Hudson Valley Bank in Yonkers. He had been VP of marketing in the north metro div. of Chase Manhattan Bank. He's a member of the business committee of Historic Hudson Valley. ■ We regret to report the October 12, 1996, death of **Marjory Sparre Burke** and send the condolences of the class to her family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

1960

Class Secretaries: *Jean Seeler, 5076 Pinnacle Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677; Rich Wilkinson, 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and Jan Fisher Barstad, 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.*

As the last box was unpacked, **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** finally sold the River Road house in Essex! They are renting for a year at 20 Ridge Rd., Centerbrook, CT 06409. Breck Lardner Associates, LLC, experienced a record year. Last March, Gretchen Lardner Jaeckel '87 (one of our 25th Reunion hosts) and husband Ted welcomed son Nicholas Breck to their home in Princeton Junction, NJ. In October Sam and wife Katherine presented Sue and Breck with their second grandson, Henry Semler. Sam is songwriting and singing from coast to coast, while Katherine gets her master's at Dartmouth. Peter transferred to London, where he's working for *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly.* ■ Bob and **Judy Neese Woods** spent three happy weeks in England last summer. They "did" the south coast and ended up in Oxford for an

Send us your "Dupes"!

Sorry, but from now on wedding pictures will not be returned.

Elderhotel course. They found left side driving to be great fun, especially the "roundabouts." Judy continues to enjoy teaching high school. ■ **Betsy Cilley Goeke**'s sabbatical ended in October. She took classes for her museum studies certificate and researched quiltmakers for a curator at the Shelburne Museum, collecting data at libraries and archives in the Boston area. Occasional trips north to consult with the museum provided opportunities to have dinner with daughter Beth, a Midd sophomore majoring in music and geology. Son Rob is taking tuba lessons and is involved in a drum corps. With a six-month position at Adams (MA) National Historic Site, Betsy spends the two-hour commute knitting. ■ Felix and **Betsy Graves Tan** live on Leaping Lizard Street (a liberal translation of "Mookua Street") in Kailua. Betsy took an intensive Hawaiian language course at the Univ. of HI last summer. Daughter Alex has been with the finance project in Washington, DC; son Mark is with Lockheed, designing and testing parts for the Space Station while taking university night courses and volunteering at a hospital. Nathan has survived the first six months of third year clinicals at UH Med School. Paul graduates from MIT in June. Felix is anxious to see Paul graduate, as he continues to contemplate retirement. ■ The big adventure of 1996 for Jim and **Louisa Potts Salmon** was a missionary trip to Ghana, taking medical supplies, books, and educational goodies. Living in a tiny village without electricity or indoor plumbing, Louisa taught the children songs, with "Old MacDonald's Farm" the favorite. ■ Last year was eventful for Joyce and **Bob Millett**, with daughter Elise married in January and daughter Amanda married in October. Son Tom is at Dartmouth, where he was elected house president of Zeta Psi. Bob works in NYC in the corporate HQ of NYLCare, a new subsidiary of New York Life. Joyce is acting librarian at Ramapo Regional High School. The Millets made 10 round trips last year to New England, transporting Tom to Dartmouth and visiting Amanda, who was completing her MBA at BU. ■ **Jan Fisher Barstad**, our western class secretary, reports that Bill and **Liz Van Horn Taylor** are snowbirds for the second year, hiding from OR storms in Tucson for the winter—and possibly permanently. Bill is flying their own Bonanza, which is almost as old at the Class of '60, and Liz is quilt-

ing. They both volunteer at the AZ Sonoma Desert Museum. ■ Your ski plans for next winter should include Smugglers' Notch. You may remember it as Madonna Mountain. As managing director and CEO for 10 years, **Bill Stritzler** firmly established Smugglers' Notch as a family ski and summer resort, winning awards from *Family Circle, Snow Country*, and *Skiing* magazines. In November 1996 it returned to VT ownership through a purchase by Bill in a private sale arrangement. Smugglers' Notch includes ski areas on Morse, Madonna, and Sterling Mountains; the Village development; a 3,800-acre lease from the state; and 1,000 acres surrounding the village. Bill has owned a condo there since 1977 and got interested in the resort's operations when he became active in the homeowners' assoc. Bill and Vi live in Jeffersonville, VT. ■ All you thinking of retirement and financial planning should get in touch with **Ed Sommers** and find out how you can do well by doing good for Middlebury. This class secretary (**Jean Seeler**) attended his session in Tampa. The welcome mat is out for any of you contemplating moving to the west coast of FL. Call me at 813/787-9025. Your class secretaries encourage you to keep those cards and letters coming, with special thanks to everyone mentioned above.

1961

Class Secretary: *Steve Crampton, RR 1, Box 127, Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.*

We regret to report the death of **Alfred Farrell** on January 5 and send the sympathy of the class to his family. Alfred edited our 25th Reunion newspaper and attended both the reunion and the pre-reunion gatherings. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Linny Faxon**'s wife, Diane, is a watercolor artist and a member of the National Watercoloring Society. Daughter Krista Faxon Atkeson '86 is teaching at Princeton Day School, daughter Julie Faxon Seymour '88 has received her master's from Yale School of Nursing, and daughter Marlena Faxon '92 works for Little, Brown in Boston. ■ **Tee Newsom** reports his stepdaughter, Martha Nissen Stabler '87, is living in San Francisco. Tee's temporary retirement now seems to be extending ad infinitum, to the envy of all of us. He reported being ready and raring to hit the slopes at Whistler in February with Carolyn's Midd kids. ■ **Art Caramella**'s daughter Amy graduated from Pepperdine and son Will attends Puget Sound. ■ **Doug Jocelyn**'s son, Doug, Jr., is at Colby College. Younger son John has become an accomplished actor. ■ Marge and **Harvey Gray** and Jane and **Tim Moore** led a group of classmates and friends on a 17-day tour of China, which included a four-day trip down the Yangtze River through the soon-to-be flooded gorges and past the dam site. Peggy Quiros was among those who went. Harvey, consummate gentleman and indefatigable collector of funky caps, seized the microphone from the cruise director at dinner on the last night of the trip to make an articulate presentation to the captain of greetings from Middlebury College. In lieu of a Middlebury hat, he presented the captain with the bright green hat Harvey happened to be wearing at the moment. While Japanese and Americans in attendance loudly applauded, the Chinese guests politely chuckled. It seems Harvey was not aware that presenting a green hat to a Chinese man is to indicate to him that his wife has been unfaithful. . .

It seems ***Harvey Gray*** *was not aware that presenting a green hat to a Chinese man is to indicate to him that his wife has been unfaithful. . .*

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Leslie Dearborn Cronin, 16320 Batchellors Forest Rd., Olney, MD 20832; and James D. Shattuck, 59 Wesskum Wood Rd., Riverside, CT 06878.*

Gail Bonhag and Fred J Schaefer, Jr., were married on April 13, 1991. Since Gail took early retirement in February 1994 from Silver Burdett Ginn, the Schaefers have been doing some freelance work. ■ We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our 35th Reunion!

1963

Class Secretaries: *Catherine Deutsch Sands, 5004 Ft. Sumner Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816; and Christopher J. White (crnbrycst@aol.com), 15 W. Cavalier Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546.*

Debbie Peterson Tintle, of Chester, NJ, has been elected president of the NJ Water Color Society. She enjoys traveling to Europe each year with her garden club. ■ **Craig Stewart** says he talks frequently with **Bruce Bailey, Bill Delahunt, Roger Ralph, Charlie MacCormack, Paul Fava, Tom Clune, Pete Shafer, Cozy Cole**, and **Larry Ring**. Craig reports that Larry has been in a body cast for six months after a spinal fusion. He and wife Susan (Bogert) '64 have still managed to visit children and grandchildren in CT and CO, while scoping out a potential "retirement move" from their current Chicago digs. Craig is certain that Larry will simply move to another active career. Craig is "enjoying new challenges as executive director of the McCaw Foundation, a private family foundation in Seattle. We're pleased that **Bill Delahunt** is now in Washington, DC, as a congressman from MA. We think he'll turn that revered body upside down!" Craig says he "had a great visit with Ed 'Zeke' Sommers '60 on his recent trip to Seattle." ■ The PA Turnpike Commission selected **James Alexander** to head the turnpike's new customer service dept., putting him in charge of fare collection, marketing, communications, and Troop T of the PA State Police. For the last 26 years, James has been involved in NJ state government, most recently as director of administration for the NJ Dept. of Community Affairs. The author of a textbook and several articles, James has taught courses in municipal finance administration and budget making for Rutgers Univ. ■ **John Iacovino** has been elected president of the American Academy of Insurance Medicine for 1996-97. In NYC, John is VP-medical director of the NY Life Insurance Co., where he chairs the AIDS Task Force and is a member of the underwriting rules committee. ■ **Debrah Elliott** has moved back to the San Francisco Bay area, where she is now the East Bay area director for Lutheran Social Services of Northern CA. She has also completed 14 years of district level activity with Altrusa International, Inc., a professional and executive women's service organization. Her term as immediate past district governor ended in April. ■ C. Richard Hawley '64 is looking for **John Marshall**: "Last I heard he was still in CO. Does anyone have a current address?" ■ Class members are welcome to visit **Chris White** at his summer pad (June to October) on Great Cranberry Island, ME, near Acadia N.P. He's in the Mt. Desert Island phone book and has plenty of uncrowded scenery to share.

1964

Class Secretaries: *Barbara Bailey Hollister, 1347 Stony Brook La., Mountainside, NJ 07092 (bbh@research.att.com); and Robert J. Baskin, 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.*

Sandra Hazen Bodine has been named assistant VP by the United Carolina Bank, where she is a trust officer. She lives in Charlotte, NC, with husband Charles. They have two grown children, Charles III and Nicole. Sandra served on Middlebury's alumni admissions committee and has also volunteered for Mercy South Hospital in Charlotte. ■ **Tom Koch**, who has been active in the Boy Scouts for 11 years, received the Silver Beaver Award this year "for distinguished service to youth." In November he was elected to the VT House of Representatives, "picking up where I left off 16 years ago!" Tom also serves in numerous church functions and he will be a delegate to the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America next August. ■ On October 4, 1996, **Michael Mone** helped convince a trial judge to count 765 ballots from Weymouth, MA, resulting in a victory for William Delahunt '63 in the primary election. Following the opponent's appeal, Mike represented Bill in a hearing before the Supreme Judicial Court, which declared Bill the official winner on October 8—just one day before absentee ballots for the November election had to be printed for overseas shipment. As Mike sums it up: "Although Delahunt then started three weeks behind his Republican opponent, he ran a terrific campaign and was elected by carrying the district overwhelmingly, with about 56 percent of the vote. So, a member of the Class of 1963 won, but he got a little help from the Class of 1964."

1965

Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and Frederick W. Stetson, 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Rick Douglas of Charlotte, VT, is director of the U.S. Labor Dept.'s Disability Initiative. Rick has traveled to many states during the past five years, meeting with business leaders to discuss ways to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act. He writes (in the *Burlington Free Press*, November 22, 1996) that business people all over America have found that the ADA is not expensive or difficult to comply with and that great improvements in accessibility have taken place since the early days of the act. On a recent trip to go swimming at the beach, he en-

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countered not only a blue plastic mat running over the sand almost to the water, but the lifeguard also brought him a beach chair contraption, made out of white plastic pipe with big balloon tires and a seat. Rick used the Shelburne Museum as an excellent example of access in VT. Some said access to those historic buildings and grounds would be impossible, but accessibility there is almost universal now, thanks to a creative combination of earth berms, lifts, slide shows, and improved paths. Rick still sees some problems as he travels around, "but many people seem to have gotten the message that it's better to include us than leave us out." ■ **Tim Hollander** writes that he was "surprisingly rejuvenated by becoming a grandfather." Samuel L. Rickenbaugh, son of Bart and Lisa Hollander Rickenbaugh '89, arrived in June 1996.

1966

Class Secretaries: *John Rehlen, The Manse, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and Charlotte Stetson, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Former Dissipated-8 leader **Stephen Curtis** became president of Hudson Valley Community College (Troy, NY) on July 1, 1996. With a doctorate in music from Washington Univ. in St. Louis, he began his career teaching music at St. Louis Community College (Forest Park, MO), but his organizational and communication skills thrust him into administrative positions before long. Stephen, who lives in Troy with wife Sharon, has three grown children—Cindy, Craig, and Gareth—and is in the process of adopting two foster children, Ashley (5) and Alexandra (7 months).

1967

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Susan Davis Patterson (spatters@zoo.uvm.edu), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and David E. Robinson, 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.*

The recipient of our class scholarship this year is Chris Eaton, a sophomore majoring in physics and minoring in economics. She's a skier, ballroom dancer, and legacy. Her father spent eight years majoring in geography at Midd; Chris hopes to do it in four. She wrote to your class secretaries: "I wanted to thank you and your class for the scholarship. It will be a wonderful asset to myself and my parents, and assure you it is greatly appreciated. I would like to think that someday there will be a scholarship from the Class of '99 because I realize how much it means to the recipient." ■ **James Soule** has been an engineering geologist at CO Geological Survey for 22 years. His primary duties involve environmental geology, geologic hazards analysis, and land-use considerations. He and wife Evelyn live in Denver. ■ **"Tiger" Bethke**, prof. of English and American literature at the Univ. of DE, recently published his second book, *Americana Crafted: Jehu Camper, Delaware Whittler* (1995), as part of the Folk Art and Artists series by the Univ. Press of MS. Tiger writes that he continues to be active in woods and water outdoor recreational pursuits and "cultural tourism" travel, in combination with his teaching, professional research, lecturing, and publishing. He and wife Beth Anderson, a professional librarian and director of the UD Education Resource Center, are exploring American West locales from northern AZ to southern MT for "an ideal residency move, combined with new and perhaps somewhat different opportunities to pursue, given our mutual and separate expertises and callings." He would especially welcome feedback from class members on Flagstaff, AZ, and Bozeman, MT, locales. ■ **Jana Mara Holt** writes from Thailand: "What a delight to be able to write to you and tell you that hopes and dreams and ambitions do indeed have a way of coming true. Dick and I left the U.S. on July 4 for Thailand. I had been offered a position by Payap Univ. in Chiang Mai, a private university of about 8,000 students. I'm teaching in the MA-TEFL program and have become involved in setting up an intensive English program on campus. We love it here in Chiang Mai. We love the food and the people, we love the experiences we are having and the new sights and sounds of our life. It has been and continues to be quite a wonderful adventure. We don't plan to return to the States for a visit until 'summer' of 1998 (March-May)." ■ **William Prescott** has offered to coordinate e-mail messages to classmates. Contact him at wprescott@isdmnl.wr.usgs.gov to get your address on the list. E-mail is a great way to keep connected and Bill can send out bulletins periodically to all us cyberoids. Also send him news and views to share on our own Class of '67 Chat Room.

1968

Class Secretaries: *Nancy Brooks Richardson, 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and David Weinstein, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*

Gary Thompson has joined the Mark Stimson Network-Millett Potvin Realty in Lewiston, ME. He had previously been a manufacturers' representative in the medical sales industry. Gary and wife Susan live in Auburn, ME, with sons Owen and Max.

1969

Class Secretaries: *Juliane Wallace, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and William H. Hearne, 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.*

Natalie Judith Margaret Bacon arrived on June 20, 1996. Congratulations to her parents, Elizabeth and **Sam Bacon**. ■ **Eleanor Motley Richardson** is working as an organ builder for the Andover Organ Company in Lawrence, MA. Last summer she spent three months as music director on Star Island, 12 miles off Portsmouth, NH. She reports that son Charlie Billings, Jr., married Karen MacDonald last May, and daughter Elise is in medical school.

1970

Class Secretary: *Andy Wentink, P.O. Box 356, Hohokus, NJ 07423.*

Gerry Rowland (gerryr@netins.net), formerly of Old Saybrook, CT, has been an IA librarian since 1979. Now a library development consultant at the State Library in Des Moines, he edits the *Iowa Public Library Statistics* and serves on the World Wide Web development team (www.silo.lib.ia.us). Gerry's wife, Margaret Scott, is a reference librarian at the Public Library of Des Moines. Daughter Tirzah is a recent graduate of the University of MN. Son Joel, who recently crewed on the schooner *Roseway* out of Camden, ME, is constructing boats in Farmington, ME. Gerry "responds with considerable eagerness to e-mail," and is "especially interested in corresponding with fellow sailors and kayakers."

1971

Class Secretaries: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@spectra.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and Mr. Barton M. Hall (barth@ncatfyv.uark.edu), 20304 Center Rd., Winslow, AR 72959.*

Viticulturalists **Peggy Backup** and husband Russ Turner marked the first successful harvest of wine grapes from their Minnesota vineyard in 1996. The challenge of keeping deer out ultimately required a 9-wire, 9,000-volt fence, but the harvest went well. Watch for Prairie Rose wine to hit the market sometime in 1997. ■ After five years in AR, I (**Bart Hall**) am wrapping up my contract work for the USDA and returning to the private sector, as director of the horticulture division of a major natural fertilizer company in WI. It is a great (and very challenging) opportunity to help major vegetable and fruit producers institute much more environment-friendly land management programs. ■ **Nancy Douglas Pontone** has enjoyed her shift from country living to city life. She's living in the East Falls neighborhood of Philadelphia, about six miles from center city. Nancy is taking a voice class at Temple Univ. and joined **Mary Ledwith** for a sing-in on the 200th anniversary of Schubert's birth. ■ Some works by **Peik Larsen** were included in the landscape section of the eighth "Triennial" exhibit (September 20 through January 5) at the Fuller Museum in Brockton, MA. Works were chosen from over 800 local artists, including Heddi Siebel-Felix '72. ■ **Dick Schroth** writes from CT that his two older children are in private school, having made a successful transition from home schooling. Alison is at Choate-Rosemary Hall and Jon at Kingswood-Oxford. Youngest son Brian is still at home. "A new Schroth, our niece Lindsay, has started at Middlebury, and she loves it." ■ In Albany, NY, **Jean Beal Palm** continues as a social worker at St. Peter's Home Care, visiting the elderly in their homes. "After 20 years in the landlord business, I have reduced my tenants to one in my basement apartment. This has freed up some time to enjoy theatre, hiking, and singing (not at the same time)." Her older daughter, Makendra, is a freshman at the Univ. of MA, Amherst, and her younger daughter is a freshman in high school. ■ "It was hard to miss the reunion last June," writes **Helen Maxson** from OK. "I appreciated so much the notes I received from Midd friends who were there. Every photograph I saw that evoked VT in the months after the reunion hit hard. Next time!" ■ **Laura Krebill** writes from Minneapolis that she is facing a challenge to her health. "I was diagnosed with breast cancer in July. While I certainly wouldn't wish this experience on anyone, it has served a valuable purpose in causing me to stop and re-evaluate the importance of what I'm currently doing in all aspects of my life vs. what might be more rewarding, more fun, etc. Trite but, nonetheless, true! I am fortunate to have excellent physicians, who are both competent and kind, to be surrounded by a group of friends who have been very supportive, and to have relatively few and small side effects from treatment." Laura is continuing to work

for an organization supporting technology in schools. "On the 'up' side," she adds, "I got a male boxer puppy. Spenser is a wonderful companion and constant entertainment." We wish Laura well and applaud her positive spirit. ■ *The Voyage of St. Brendan*, a play by your correspondent **Susan Thornton**, was performed in Binghamton on February 9. Written for radio, the play was presented as a "reader's theater" piece at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. It was chosen for presentation because it deals with the theme of loss and redemption.

1972

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church (jhchurch@sienahts.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and Judy Wingham, 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.*

A lively group of '72 volunteers met at Middlebury on the coldest weekend in January to assist with production of our 25th Reunion yearbook. If the rest of you have had half as much fun reading this book as we had working on it, it should merit a Pulitzer. Floridian **Dan Suman** and Michigander **Jennifer Hamlin Church** traveled the most miles to reach this workfest in the upper floors of Hillcrest, where they joined **Dori Wood Fulk** from upstate NY and Vermonters **John** and **Nancy Sutton Rosenthal, Nancy Stetson Remsen, Sally Johnson, Bob Eddy, Cynthia Erb Price**, and **Dave Furney**. MA resident **Janet Halstead Franklin**, in VT for a ski weekend, joined the group for dinner at the Dog Team, where the sticky buns are still terrific and the relishes still arrive in buckets on a wheel. Although few in this group were pals in our college days, we had a wonderful time together as 40-somethings. Judy Wingham, our Canadian co-editor, reports a similar experience at the first yearbook planning session on campus in November. The moral of this story is: Join us for Reunion. VT will inspire you, Middlebury will welcome you, and the friends you find will surprise you. Hope you can make it. ■ Apologies to anyone who may have sent class notes to Jennifer via e-mail in December or January—computer crashes wiped the accounts clean several times. If I lost your news, please try again. ■ **Janice Giles** is working with the Walter H. Drane Co., a legal publishing company in Shaker Heights, OH. Janice developed schizophrenia soon after graduating from Middlebury and struggled with the illness for the next 10 years. We're happy to hear that things have settled down for her and she is living in Cleveland Heights, OH. ■ **Ann Feitelson** had a book published in 1996: *The Art of Fair Isle Knitting*. Ann is planning to attend our 25th Reunion. Hope you are, too!

Peggy Backup and husband marked the first successful harvest of wine grapes from their Minnesota vineyard in 1996.

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1973

Class Secretaries: *Robert L. Badger (badgerrl@potsdam.edu), 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676; and H. Kit Fuller (hkf@igsdn010.cr.usgs.gov), 4600 Cloud Ct., Boulder, CO 80301.*

Peter Hamlin, a faculty member at St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN), received a 1996 American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers Award. The awards are decided by an independent panel, based on a musician's original compositions from the past year and recent performances of those works. Peter's recent works include "Veils and Whirlwinds," performed by the St. Olaf Orchestra during its fall tour in October. Peter teaches music theory and composition at St. Olaf and has performed on bass, banjo, guitar, electric keyboard, synthesizer, oboe, and several historic period instruments. For many years he hosted statewide and national fine arts programs for IA Public Television. ■ **Terence McGuirk**, who has been with Turner Broadcasting for 25 years, became president, chairman, and CEO of TBS, Inc., following the merger with Time Warner in October 1996. ■ As an oceanographer for the Center of Coastal and Marine Geology with the USGS in Woods Hole, MA, **Dave Twichell** is taking two-month cruises this spring and summer. Wife **Nancy Piskor Twichell** is busy teaching and organizing the science fair at the school where she works. Daughter Sarah just turned 16 and was learning to drive. Seventh grade son Nate was looking forward to lacrosse season. Dave also writes of "a wonderful reunion of Middlebury geology majors in early February to celebrate Dave Folger's retirement from the USGS. **Bob McGirr** and Nancy and I were there from the class of 73, along with Debbie Hutchinson Gove '74, Sally Wood Needell '75, Bill Hoyt '74, Sue Rindge Bigl '76, and Sue Webel '71. Great recountings of stories by Debbie, Bill, and Dave Folger made for great entertainment." ■ Speaking of reunions, we understand that there was a modest showing for the Class of '73 at the NYC Middlebury holiday cocktail party. **Mary Farley, Macy Johnson, Martha McGarry Miller, Foster Osborne**, and **Gladys Waltemade** joined **Mike Schoenfeld**, Midd VP for enrollment planning, for a festive time at the N.Y. Yacht Club in December.

1974

Class Secretaries: *Greg Dennis (gregdenis@ad.com), 1053 Hermes Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024; and Barry Schultz King (kinglet@together.net), P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766.*

After going it alone for several years, I am thrilled to announce that **Greg Dennis** has volunteered to join me as class secretary! Greg lives in Encinitas, CA, where he is a freelance writer specializing in health care public relations, having given up his long-term role as a newspaper journalist about six years ago. Greg's wife, Karen Winston, is a psychotherapist who has to put up with Greg's passion for skiing and snowboarding. In between his weekend excursions, Greg thinks he'll have time to devote to the Class of '74, and I know you share my thanks that he is on board! ■ **Chuck** and **Diane Dellamano Brakeley** are experiencing the "empty nest" syndrome, at least temporarily. Daughter Jess is a freshman at Brown and son Dan has headed a bit further downeast to Chewonki's ME Coast semester for high school juniors. Diane serves as yearbook adviser at the local high school, is temping and is "trying to figure out what to do" now that the kids are gone. Chuck is a manager for Hanover Insurance, but is trying to get his title changed to "Company Golf Pro" since he spends a lot of time coordinating golf outings. (And ski-train trips to Sunday River, too, it sounds like!) Chuck would like to hear where our classmates' kids have gone/are going to college and wonders how many have ended up at Midd. And those of us with offspring at Midd, as well as others who return for reunions, have probably stayed at the Middlebury Inn, little realizing that the general manager there is none other than **Rusty Harding**. Rusty and wife Barbara live in Cornwall with their two children, Wilder (16) and Hannah (13). Rusty is first VP of the New England Innkeepers' Assoc. and serves on the Addison Central Education Endowment Fund. He also has been operating a NOAA weather station since 1978 from the home. He took over from a family member whose father started operating the service for what was then the Farm Bureau in the late 1800s. In fact, a few years ago, Rusty went to Washington, DC, where he was honored with a plaque commemorating his station's 100 years of service. ■ **Chris Cordy Flanagan** lives in Richmond, VA, with husband John and kids Jeff (10) and Anna (9). Chris is a commercial lines manager with USF&G Insurance Co., having switched from Continental so that they could stay in VA. In addition to the great weather (spring actually arrives in March!), one of the assets of Richmond is the accessibility of great theatre. Chris spends much of her weekend time with her kids at Richmond's School of Performing Arts. Chris says she also does "lots of third and fourth grade homework!" ■ **Steve** and **Sandy Hylander Collier** write that son Andy (16), a junior at George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, ME, came in third in the state of ME High School Golf Championships (Class C schools) last October. Son Peter (14) is also on the golf team. Sandy is a "charter" faculty member of first "Trial Advocacy College" of ME Trial Lawyers Association (June 1996). Steve, who is a dedicated painter, is still teaching fourth grade in Blue Hill. ■ In Worcester, MA, **Peter Lindblad** is chair of medicine at the Fallon Clinic, a 300-physician multispecialty group. He's also an assistant prof. of medicine at the Univ. of MA Medical School. ■ Dr. **Peter Harris** and his family are still living in Derby Line, VT. Peter, who has been at the Island Pond Health Center since 1989, was recently recertified by the American Board of Pediatrics. An exam covering developments in the care of pediatric patients is required every seven years. ■ After resigning as director of admissions at Middlebury in June 1995, **Geoffrey Smith** took a position as interim assoc. dir. of admissions at UVM in July 1995. He became interim director of admissions at UVM in May 1996. In July 1996 he became the director of admissions at VT Law School. Geoff and wife Crystal Gromer are still living in Lincoln, VT. ■ That's it for now. Next time, you'll be hearing from Greg. Please contact either of us at the address or e-mail addresses above. We'd love to hear from you!

1975

Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown (72437.1164@compuserve.com), 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609; and Tony MacDonald, 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

Jerry (jlucas@glensfallshosp.org) and Lu Mason '77 **Lucas** are proud to announce the adoption of Jacob Henry Lucas, born November 18, 1996. ■ On his first run for public office, the voters of Sanibel Island, FL, elected **Andrew Reding** (andrew@coconet. com) to a four-year term on city council on November 5. "I came in first in a field of four, and took the oath of office November 19. Those of you who remember my past at Middlebury will not be surprised to hear that one of my primary objectives is further protection of the environment of Sanibel and southwest FL. My office number in City Hall is 941/472-4135, extension 69. ■ **Emily Baldwin McPhie** (USAID/Dhaka, Dept. of State, Washington, DC 20521-6120) is now working with developing countries in sociological research. She was formerly in Uganda, Somalia, and Bangladesh. ■ *Beyond Representation: Philosophy and Poetic Imagination*, edited by **Richard Eldridge** (reldrid1@swarthmore.edu) was published in April 1996 by Cambridge Univ. Press. The book, which includes an essay by Stanley Bates, is a collection of essays on the role of poetic imagination within philosophy and the philosophical seriousness of poetic thinking. Richard is a prof. of philosophy and chair of the department at Swarthmore College. ■ **Meredith Montgomery Charreyron** has lived in France for about 10 years. She and husband Pierre now live on the west side of Paris with children Juliette (11), Samuel (7), Simon (5), and Eloise (3). Meredith is primarily a housemom, but finds time to be involved musically in two chamber music groups. Pierre works for St. Gobain as director of the division producing technical ceramics used in the medical field. Meredith managed a solo getaway to the U.S. last fall to attend her Mary Porter School reunion in CT. She hopes to visit New England this summer with her family. I *know* Meredith will definitely want to join us all in glorious VT for our 25th in the year 2000.

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Ron Somers sees power development in India more as a mission than a job.

1976

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Class Secretaries: *Marion Adler, 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; Jennifer Cogswell, 6 Overlook Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; and John M. Henderson, 131 Martin Rd., Concord, MA 01742.*

Congratulations to Elisabeth Ames and **Jeffrey Russian**, who were married recently in NYC. Jeffrey, who holds a master's from the Univ. of WI, is deputy chief planning and budget officer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. ■ As managing director of Mangalore Power Co. and VP of Cogentrix Energy, Inc., **Ron Somers** sees power development in India more as a mission than a job. Cogentrix is a "model" project, using clean, imported coal as the primary fuel. Ron has been in India for three years, working to complete a 1,000-MW facility by the year 2000. He feels that it is imperative for the sake of future generations of Indians that the energy industry establish environmentally safe and modern infrastructure. ■ We regret to report the death of **Katharine Rexroth Leavitt** on December 31, 1996, of lung cancer. Our condolences go to her husband, Dr. Andrew Leavitt, and all the family. ■ We are also sorry to report the death of **Jay J. Nordby** at age 42 on February 15, 1997, at his home in New York City after a long illness. A German/Russian major at Middlebury, Jay graduated with departmental honors, and was named summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, College Scholar, Dean's List, and a member of Dobro Slovo, the national Slavic honor society. He spent spring of his junior year studying Russian at Leningrad State Univ., sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange, and the fall of his senior year participating in Middlebury's program in Mainz, Germany. Following graduation, Jay received an M.A. in Russian from the Middlebury Language Schools and an M.A. in German from Princeton Univ., where he was honored with a Fulbright Fellowship. He was acquainted with at least 11 foreign languages and was fluent in eight: Russian, German, Dutch, Italian, French, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian. His television career is outlined in a memorial, which appears elsewhere in this issue. His fellow 1976 classmates and his former teachers, several of whom were happy to see Jay at the 20th Reunion last June, extend their deepest sympathy to his family. His love of language, music, opera, ballet, travel, and fine food, along with his strong sense of loyalty to his friends, will be sorely missed by all.

1977

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and William R. Thickstun (xwrt@sunyit.edu), 76 Utica St., Clinton, NY 13323.*

Ellen Bedichek (9287 Greywood Dr., Mechanicsville, VA 23116) writes that "I love everything I do, but need about six more hours each day." Her nephrology practice is stressful but satisfying, except that it takes her away more than she likes from Stephen (4 1/2), Elizabeth (2), and husband Michael Kelley. ■ **Lu Mason Lucas** and husband Jerry '75 (jlucas@glensfalls hosp.org) are proud to announce the adoption of Jacob Henry Lucas, born November 18, 1996. ■ **Steve Scheufele**, a district manager for Elger Plumbingware living in South Plymouth, MA, writes that "with two children away at college, two teenage sons keeping father traveling to soccer games, and an eight-year-old daughter, it's time to find that old golf swing left at Middlebury 20 years ago." ■ **Betsy Seeley**, "after 15 glorious years in CO," is relocating back east to the Boston area. She has been named managing director of the investor services/operations groups for Boston EquiServ, the second largest stock transfer agent, based in Canton, MA. She is settling in Needham, and looks "forward to seeing more of Midd chums like **Denise Schlener** and Sheryl Bicknell now that I'm back!" ■ **Scott Morrison** received some publicity in the fall for his work as a historic buildings contractor based in Middlebury. His company, Lignum Vitae, specializes in disassembling and moving "endangered buildings" threatened with demolition, having relocated structures to various parts of New England and as far away as CO. ■ **Josh Hanft** is still editorial director at Waldman Publishing in New York. He lives in Manhattan with wife Claudia Chernov and sons Paul (7), Gideon (4), and Eliezer (2). Josh recently published a children's biography of Jackie Robinson. ■ **Debbie Rhoads Lyon** (Aquador, 3 A-E, 11140 Conil [Cadiz] Spain) now enjoys "an easy life" on the south coast of Spain with husband Salvador Moreno Gil, two Siamese cats, and "just the odd freelancing and waitressing for work." For many years she translated for the Seville World's Fair and Andalusian Regional TV/Radio. "During the Gulf War I interpreted **Frank Sesno** into Spanish." She sees Jeanne Meserve '74 on visits to the U.S. She closes with, "Hi to WRMC and Sunderland crew, and anyone from the Spanish School who'd remember me." ■ The **Karen Amirault** Dance Company, a troupe of five men, five women, and thirteen fourth through ninth grade girls and boys, is scheduled to perform at First Night Burlington 1997, at which Karen will also premiere two solo dances. She was voted "best dancer" in a recent *Burlington Free Press* readers' poll.

1978

Class Secretaries: *Michael Abend (mikeabend@aol.com), 119 Maple St., Carlisle, MA 01741; Kevin D. O'Leary (mrdithers@aol.com), 4912 Denny Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601; and Helen Cooke Pyne (hcpwrite@aol.com), 69 Stern La., Atherton, CA 94027.*

Paul Aaronson writes: "Seems the only news I ever report is either when I have moved or have had another kid. This time it's both! Molly Georgia was born September 29, 1995, joining her three brothers. (I note from recent class notes that Molly seems to be a popular name these days.) Welcoming another member to our family was not enough change, so we moved as well, this time to Kew Gardens, just outside London. Looks like London for at least a few more years. New address is 20 Cumberland Rd., Kew, Richmond TW9 3HQ, United Kingdom." ■ The Rev. **Betsy Miller**, senior pastor of Lake Mills Moravian Church in Lake Mills, WI, was elected in October as the new chair of Moravian Theological Seminary's board of trustees. She is the first woman to chair the seminary board. She has served as a pastor of Lake Mills Moravian Church since 1985, the same year she received her Master of Divinity degree from the seminary. ■ As the national spokesman for Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), **Robert Carolla** was profiled in the Syracuse *Herald-Journal* on October 22. The ADA is a 65,000-member interest group, founded in 1947 by such liberal icons as Eleanor Roosevelt, John Kenneth Galbraith, Walter Reuther, and Hubert Humphrey. Conceding that politicians used "liberal" like a dirty word during the election campaigns, Bob sees a need to defend liberalism: "I don't see

corporations doing what needs to be done to protect people. You have to have a balancing force, and that's government." Though the article was dubbed "He May Be the Last Man on the Left," Bob wishes they had called it something more like "Man in the Middle." "I see liberalism more as Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.'s concept of *The Vital Center* (1948). I'm probably still a liberal Republican at heart." ■ **Janis Tropp** joined Andersen Consulting in 1995 as a manager in the health services group in change management. "Have a good handle on work/play balance. Non-work life is full, including skiing, hiking, biking, rollerblading, tennis, scuba, travel, and the NY Giants, Yankees, Rangers, Knicks. Have been living in the Washington, DC, area since 1990." ■ **Clark Hinsdale III** experimented with an autumn and early winter sugaring season, concluding that some of the syrup was really excellent. He had a federal grant to explore the possibility of expanding the sugaring season in order to increase the productivity of syrup makers. The sap drips from sugar maple trees whenever days bring thaws and nights bring hard freezes. Since December 1996 was the second warmest on record in his area, he tapped into a series of thaws. Clark operates the Charlotte Berry Farm.

1979

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenna (dbmack@aol.com), 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and Margaret A. Paine (mapaine@christa.unh.edu), 17 Old Landing Road, Durham, NH 03824.*

Gillian Scharff knew she was in for an adventure when she saw the boa constrictor skin drying on the front porch. By the time she left her host family's platform house on the banks of the Amazon River, Gillian had swum with piranhas and explored some of the wildest and most remote areas of Brazil's Amazon basin. A graphic designer for Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, Gillian's interests revolve around art, theology, and adventure. She founded and edited *The Face of the Deep*, a journal of art and theology structured around the liturgical seasons. Each year she takes a trip to a wild place—the Amazon in '95, trekking in the Himalayas and avoiding rhino attacks in Nepal in '96. This year's itinerary: Madagascar. ■ **Julia Robbins** and **Joseph Pierson** are crossing their fingers that this fall will see the release of Joe's first feature film, *The Tears of Julian Po*, starring Christian Slater and Cherry Jones. Joe's filmmaking partner is Jon Glascoe '78, and their company is Cypress Films. You may already have seen their work on Showtime, TNT, or Disney. A movie version of Dylan Thomas's *A Child's Christmas in Wales* is a regular feature of Disney's holiday lineup. Now at home with children Phebe (7) and Helen (4), Julia works on a community gardening initiative, providing grants for youth education in New York's boroughs. ■ Soccer fans will be glad to know that **Donny Parsons** is still playing the game, often with former Midd teammates Steve Sass '78 (a cabinetmaker in Hartford, VT) and Chris Lincoln '78 (who owns an advertising business and lives in East Thetford, VT). Also an entrepreneur, Donny operates T. K. Sportswear, a West Lebanon, NH, silkscreen shop. The company silkscreens T-shirts and sweatshirts, with a Caribbean resort as the largest account (but Donny hasn't yet figured out a way to make those deliveries himself). Donny enjoyed a mini-reunion on Lake Dunmore last summer with **Jack** and **Wendy Wright Marrinan**, **Dave** and Jenny Parker '80 **Emery**, and Andrew Schwartz '80 and wife Liz. Jack is teaching at Choate-Rosemary Hall, and Wendy keeps busy with children Grace Ann, Luke, and Rowan. Donny also reports that brother Chris '87 and his wife Heather (Dennis) '88 are moving from Duxbury, VT, to Poughkeepsie, NY, where Chris will be head soccer coach and assistant athletic director at Vassar College. ■ Stop in at the VT State Craft Center/Frog Hollow in Middlebury, Burlington, or Manchester, and chances are you'll see a familiar name attached to some of the artwork exhibited there. **Daryl Storrs** creates earrings and prints in her Huntington, VT, studio and sells them to stores across the country, but you can almost always find her work at Frog Hollow. Each artwork—often depicting a mountain, lake, or water scene—is hand printed and then hand painted. Daryl reports that **Sally Kireker Faulkner**, husband Buddy, and all four children have taken up bicycle racing. Daryl is looking forward to seeing Sally and her family at Sally's parents' house on Lake George this summer. ■ **Jamie Walker** has been practicing acupuncture for three years now. She was married in 1993 and received her degree from the New England School of Acupuncture in Watertown, MA, a year later. Jamie and computer scientist husband John Cuadrado live on Brandy Pond in Naples, ME, with two smiling Samoyed dogs. They all enjoy swimming and canoeing. ■ **Sue King** and **Jack Sanderson** live in Acton, MA, with children Sarah (8) and Ben (5). Sue is taking a break from teaching English to concentrate on the kids, and Jack is director of software services at Digital Equipment. Sue sees a number of Middlebury classmates, including **Mary Mackenzie Corke**, who is in Sue's book group, and Brad Armstrong '80 and his wife, Lucy McKeon. Brad and Lucy, who met on a Navaho reservation in AZ, returned to VT about two years ago and are serving as doctors in VT's Northeast Kingdom. ■ According to the *Financial NetNews*, **Jeff Anderholm** is involved with Internet resources and Web sites for Fidelity Investments, where he is VP of electronic marketing. Jeff and wife Teri, who is senior manager of investment compliance at Fidelity, live in Newbury, MA. In his spare time, when not surfing the Net, Jeff is restoring an old house and cycling.

***Scott Morrison** specializes in disassembling and moving "endangered buildings" threatened with demolition.*

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1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

In Montpelier, VT, **Phelps Hoyt** is treasurer and secretary of KDP Investment Advisors, a newly formed company providing high-yield investment research for corporate clients. KDP is an employee-owned, spin-off company of Phelps' previous employer Duff & Phelps, Inc. Phelps and wife Patty Wiley have been married for 15 years. They have lived in Middlesex, VT, for the last seven years, with daughters Luisa (9) and Maria (5). ■ The Netherlands-based ABN AMRO Bank N.V. has promoted **David Mandell** to group VP and director of ABN MRO North America Inc. David will manage the New York branch's chemicals and natural resources group. He lives in New Canaan, CT. ■ **Ann Rutledge** and T. Darryl Heggans III were married on June 22, 1996. ■ On March 12, 1996, Connor Freeman Fulton joined parents **India Tresselt** and Andy Fulton, and brother Loren (6). They live in Westford, VT. India is a freelance editor (med/sci/tech) and Andy is a psychologist practicing in St. Albans, VT. ■ **Mary Graves Vonnegut** has been appointed president of the Gump's By Mail catalog. She was formerly senior VP of corporate marketing. ■ Attorney **Marcy Robinson Dembs** has been named a principal in the law firm of Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece. Practicing out of the firm's Watertown and Syracuse offices, she frequently lectures throughout northern NY and is a regular guest on WWNY-TV news in Watertown. Marcy lives in Syracuse with husband Christopher and daughters Phoebe (10) and Ariane (8). ■ **Kevin Matson** was recently named assistant men's ice hockey coach at Roger Williams Univ. As a varsity hockey coach at Moses Brown School, his '86 squad captured the Southeastern New England Prep League title. Kevin has been a math teacher in the upper school at Moses Brown for 13 years. ■ After six years in the Comptroller's Office at Middlebury in student accounting services and investment accounting, **Bob Caragher** (robert_caragher@cucmail.claremont.edu) has started a new job as assistant controller for investments and trusts at the Claremont Colleges in southern CA. "I enjoyed working for our alma mater and meeting a new generation of Midd students, but am also glad to be living and working in a larger metropolitan area and a warmer climate again."

1981

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler (exler@erols.com), 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 4060 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225.*

Sean Maher writes that he is "leaving the Madison (WI) Department of Public Health, after almost eight years in the HIV program. AIDS cases have been declining steadily in Madison for the past four years. I recently completed student teaching and obtained a license to teach German and chemistry." ■ Scot and **Carolyn Allen Miller** welcomed son Garrett on October 28, 1996. Carolyn enjoys being a full-time mother, "after years of work-a-day schedules." The Millers live in Abilene, TX, and Scot teaches philosophy at Hardin Simmons Univ. ■ Carl and **Sally Rueger Barnes** (salpbarnes@aol.com) recently became suburbanites and enjoy life in picturesque Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. They enjoyed renewing old friendships at our 15th Reunion and are now corresponding with classmates via e-mail. ■ **Marton Radkai** (radkai@msn.com) is "living in Munich (Hirschbergstr. 10, 0-80634) and Vienna, writing, translating, editing. Look forward to hearing some news from anyone who enjoyed Hallowe'en at the Château." ■ **Peter Raskin** is a principal with Pencom Planning Group of Dedham, MA, where he's a financial planner and consultant. Peter was recently appointed treasurer of the Wayland (MA) High School scholarship committee.

Cynthia Pidgeon '82 and James Slater (see 1982 column)

1982

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Alison R. McGhee (mcghe003@maroon.tc.umn.edu), 3139 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408; and Charles H. Robinson III (robinsonc@nabisco.com), 55 Sycamore Dr., E. Greenwich, RI 02818.*

Several new babies have arrived! John and **Joyce Paradise Grabski** welcomed son Joshua on April 29, 1995. ■ **Ned Denney** and wife Jenny Miles announced the birth of son Miles last June. ■ **Harold** and Pamela Burnley **McKay** were joined by Christopher Isaac Burnley McKay on August 30. Christopher joins brothers Matthew (4) and Daniel (2 1/2). ■ **Charlie** and Liz O'Connell '85 **Robinson** were also busy on August 30, when daughter Clare Chapman was born. Clare joins big sister Hannah (2 1/2). ■ **Jeff Fisher** is senior managing director/resident manager, Chicago regional office, Bear Stearns & Co., Inc. Jeff and wife Margaret (Goebel) '84 live in Kenilworth, IL, with twins Molly and Baer (9), son Sam (5), and twins Oliver and Eliza (3). ■ **Madoka Etoh** is an associate in Graham & James/Riddell Williams's international, corporate, and real estate groups. As a native Japanese speaker fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Madoka handles a large number of international transactions. ■ **Melissa Mims-Jones**, a '96 graduate of Howard Univ. College of Dentistry, intends to specialize in periodontistry. After a one-year residency in Rochester, NY, Melissa will head south to join husband Eric, a surgeon doing a three-year residency in family medicine. ■ Congratulations to Graham Tracey '98, this year's (and last year's) recipient of the Class of '82 Scholarship Fund. Graham is considering continuing his education in music therapy, "mainly psycho-acoustic therapy for non-responsive patients." ■ Having passed her national board exams for ophthalmology last year, **Liz Tonon** is now department head of the eye clinic at the Naval Hospital in Okinawa, Japan. She writes: "The scuba diving is great, the weather and people nice, and my job is satisfying, too. Wondering what ever happened to **Amy Llewellyn**?" ■ **Jonathan Kamien** (jkamien@idcomm. com) and wife Leslie Amass moved last fall from Toronto to Denver, where Leslie is an asst. prof. at Univ. of CO School of Medicine in Psychiatry. Jon is working as a consultant on several grants, while looking for more permanent work in the pharmaceutical industry. He welcomes fellow skiers to get in touch at 303/316-7171. ■ **John Vergara** is still product development and marketing manager for PMI Mortgage Insurance Co., "with a great view of Wong's Chinese Restaurant from my office. Regularly hang out with **John 'RJ' Hake** and **Jib Martens**." His post New Year's party included RJ, Jib, and **Beth Stelluto** and husband Howard Dunaier. ■ **Melissa Millan Hodkin** (merril@slims.attmail. com) is a regional VP for Sun Life (a Canadian-based insurer) in Wellesley, MA. Melissa and husband Bill own a microbrewery in CT called Farmington River Brewing Co., where they brew five types of beer. "The company is only two years young and doing well, but consumes (excuse the pun) all of our time." Melissa also sent news of several other '82ers: **Mimi Gleason** is molding young minds at Shady Hill School in Cambridge, MA. **Steve Kiernan** is also molding minds through his editorial columns at the *Burlington Free Press*. He and wife Amy Wright Kiernan '86 have two little guys, Will and Noah. **Lori Geiger Carlton**, in Pelham, NY, is busy with kids Michael and Holly. **Laura TenBroeke Rumbough** is also busy with two. **John** and **Hannah Felton Lyons** and two daughters are in Groton, MA. John has a history chair at Groton School and coaches football; Hannah is an oncology nurse at a hospice. **Patty Job McGrath** has two sons; she and her husband own and manage the Inn at Long Trail in VT. **Archer Sinclair Griffith** is busy working at an art gallery and taking classes in NJ. ■ **Amy Colodny** has completed her first book (nonfiction) and is working on a suspense novel. "I did a lot of research for the cliffhanger in one of my previous incarnations as chief spokesperson for the NY state prison system. In addition, I've begun my own media, public relations, and computer consulting business under the auspices of alc enterprises (Clodknee@aol.com; 1624 Tina Ln., Castleton, NY 12033). I would love to hear from Midd friends, old and new." ■ **Donna Winham** is writing her dissertation for a doctorate in public health at UCLA school of public health. She did her fieldwork on child growth and development in Egypt last year. ■ **Deborah Shelton Cianchette** (ciancd@mail.mmc.org) is the annual fund coordinator for ME Medical Center's development office. She and husband Earle enjoy the ME winter by cross-country skiing, ice fishing, downhill skiing, and snowmobiling. However, they were looking forward to golf season. Deborah says she "ended last season with an 88, so I'm itching to get back on the links." She was also looking forward to our Reunion festivities this spring. See you all at reunion! ❖

PHOTO CAPTION: The October 5, 1996, marriage of **Cynthia Pidgeon** and James Slater took place at the Community House across from the green in Middlebury.

1983

Class Secretaries: *Karey Dubiel Dye, 735 Storywood, Houston, TX 77024; and Jeanne Hammond Larsen, 3628 Knik Ave., Anchorage, AK 99517.*

Since returning from Guatemala three years ago, **John A. Nelson** (jnelson@igc.apc.org) has been living in NYC. "For a time I worked at Union Theological Seminary, where I'd done graduate study. Now I work a night shift, typesetting at a graphics firm, while looking for my first pastorate. I stay involved in Guatemala work, through friends who are labor organizers, long-term accompaniers, and human rights activists. And last night I had the pleasure of seeing a performance of the first full production of a play by Robert Ackerman '80, *Origin of the Species*. ■ Samuel Philip Goree arrived on October 10, 1995. His parents are **Pamela Chasek** and Langston J. Goree VI. ■ John and **Betsy Briggs Feighan** welcomed daughter Delaney Rose on July 7, 1996. "Brother Alex lovers her—a little too much sometimes!" Betsy enjoys her general pediatrics practice on the east side of Cleveland. ■ **Tracey Feick** (tfeick@corpword.com) is "living back in Pittsburgh (my old home) these days, after five years in Taipei." She and husband Timothy Lee have a son, Anthony (5), and a daughter, Caroline (1). Now working for a language management company, The Corporate Word, Tracey writes: "We handle translation and production of technical documentation, as well as software localization for major U.S. companies doing business overseas. We just set up a small team in Beijing and I will get to go there to do training early in 1997. Imagine—a job where my Chinese actually comes in handy." ■ After spending seven years in Tokyo, **Andrew** and **Yukiko Matano Gray** have relocated to Nashville, TN, with children Marie Atsuko (5) and Paul Kenichi (3). Andrew continues his work with Bridgestone/Firestone Inc., while Yuki continues with her importing business. ■ **Mary Peitz Kelly** is living in Singapore with husband Kevin and son Stephen (2). "Taking advantage of easy travel throughout Asia. Hope anyone passing through will look us up (phone 65-738-4787)." ■ **Allison Burroughs** moved to Boston after working and living in Philadelphia for 10 years. She's working in the U.S. Attorney's office, prosecuting primarily drug cases. "Feel fortunate that after practicing law for over seven years I still love what I do." ■ **David Cluxton** spent five years in the Army before going to law school at Duke Univ. He practiced law in Seattle until September 1996. "Now I'm back in the Army (JAG Corps) and stationed in Fairbanks, AK."

1984

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Andrew R. Curtis and wife Kathleen live in Portland, OR, with their child, Kelsey. Andrew works on historic preservation projects. ■ **Nancy Ellis Shablom** and husband Harold have a son, Clayton (born April '94). Nancy loves being a full-time mom. They have moved to Centreville, VA, after living in Buffalo, NY, Coatesville, PA, and Seattle, WA. ■ **Tony Flint** and Lee Weatherly proudly announce the arrival of son Hunter Weatherly Flint on June 4, 1996. Tony is still a reporter for the *Boston Globe*, covering a wide range of issues that this year included tobacco (a three-part series on efforts by American tobacco companies to push their product abroad); politics (the '96 campaign, mostly local Congressional races), and sex (a two-part series on the growth of the adult entertainment industry). ■ **Ronald J. Horta** has joined Partridge, Snow & Hahn as an associate. His focus is general business and securities law. He was formerly an associate at Palmer & Dodge in Boston. Ron and wife **Carol Pierce Horta** live in Foxboro, MA, with daughter Alison Joane (5). ■ Yak **Matt Ellenthal** and Martha the Outlaw are hunting for real estate in Seattle. Yak is struggling at steelheading. ■ **Grant** "Go" **Dewey** is with Smith Barney on the Westside Highway in NY and at the new crib in Greenwich. ■ **Rick Makin** is

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syndicating Southwest TX oil/gas high yield deals at ING Barings. ■ **David Wagstaff** will likely be job-searching (East/West Coast) by the time this issue comes to print. ■ **Jim Robinson** is surrounded by X chromosomes in Middlebury, but is moving his new soft dollar IRA to Burlington. ■ **Elizabeth Chandler** was named managing director at Morgan Stanley and promptly packed her bags for (another) Asia stint. ■ **Wendy Tanner Bermingham** is back in Mile High after a BMW wine-tasting tour of Africa (with a few mammals thrown in). ■ **Gene Cleaves** was selected to appear on a new singles dating game show called "Buzz Buzz" in May. Stay tuned! ■ **Paul Quinlan** was a "no show" for the annual NY Giants game (conflicted or convicted?). ■ **Marty Lanigan** has securitized himself out of DC to head up an ABCP conduit in PA. ■ **Jason Bacon** is happily spinning his family web in London town. ■ **Brian O'Day** at Instinet in London is marketing equity research and soft dollar brokerage to European investors, while "looking at the bright side of life" for the upcoming World Cup '98 in France. ■ **James T. Burke** has many films, plays, director gigs going on in L.A. ■ A svelte **Tom Kottler** will run 26.3 miles around Buckingham Palace for Lady Di's favorite charity. ■ **Dorothy van Gerbig** is starring on her own "ER" show in Boston. ■ After graduating from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in NYC in 1984, **Stephen Parton** pursued a life in the theatre. He has also followed his love of the water, getting his captain's license. He now gives tours—Boston Duck Tours—on the Charles River on a World War II landing craft, called a Duck. ■ **Brenda Grassey** (handasom@bora.dacom.co.kr) is "still in Asia, based in Seoul, South Korea, training Korean companies and executives in business English, etiquette, and cross-cultural exchan ge." ■ Peregrine and **Elizabeth Ross White**, who were married on October 9, 1995, "are enjoying the stair master at the Cambridge, MA, YMCA." ■ **Dana Morosini Reeve** has been making the news as one of the women who made 1996 a year to remember. Since husband Christopher Reeve was left paralyzed in a freak horse-jumping accident, Dana has been a lifeline of love, faith, and devotion. *Life* magazine quoted Christopher as saying, "Severed nerves in your spinal cord can't be repaired by a positive attitude, but Dana is my medication." ■ **Larry Stabler** and his family have relocated to Long Beach, CA (714/721-8406). ■ **Cynthia King Guffey** is enjoying life in Portland, OR, with her husband and two daughters, Callie and Hannah. She works as a therapist and is very involved with her church. ■ **Phil Huffman** has returned to graduate school for yet another master's degree in the environmental realm. ■ Keep those cards and letters coming!

1985

Class Secretary: *Dale Sailer (Dale_Sailer @ccis.com), 935 Washington St., Glenview, IL 60025.*

Brian Concannon (Brian_Haiti@aol.com) has "been in Haiti since June '95, first with the UN, now with the Avocats Internationaux. We are a group of lawyers from the U.S. and Europe, assisting the Haitian government with prosecutions of human rights violations committed during Haiti's 1991-94 military dictatorship. Haiti, and my job, are simultaneously frustrating and fascinating. Vital stats: still single, no kids, no house, owner of an unregistered pickup truck parked in my parents driveway in MA, and would like to hear from classmates at Avocats, 168, Ave. John Brown, Port-au-Prince, Haiti." ■ **Andy** and **Kim Davis Gluck** are enjoying daughter Samantha so much that they decided to have another. Joshua arrived May 26, 1996. Kim is now back at work at State Street Global Advisors. After working his third Olympics for NBC in Atlanta, Andy is now officially Mr. Mom. The Glucks can be found at gluckers@aol.com. ■ **Bill Baskin**'s Christmas letter highlighted a summer yachting race from Newport to Bermuda with friends, surpassed in excitement only by son Buck's entry in to the dangerous world of two-year-olds. ■ **Fiona Coleman-Richardson** (Poinsettia A4/A5, West Bay Rd., P.O. Box 32166 SMB, Grand Cayman, British West Indies; Tel/Fax 345-945-1465; e-mail Fiona_Richardson @JH.com) extends "apologies to our 1997 Bermuda visitors. We have moved to Cayman, so you'll have to visit us here instead." ■ **Dave Revelle** (Dave@Revelle.com) continues to travel frequently between NC and NY as he pursues an entrepreneurial start-up project that could turn the infant world on its end. In the meantime, he continues his carpentry business. ■ **Chip Kenyon** and wife Becky recently welcomed a small addition to their family when sons Matthew and Jonathan and daughter Catherine joined Carolyn (3) and Emily Anne (2) in the Kenyon home in Kenilworth, IL. ■ Lost list: Where are **Tenley Adams, Duncan Cameron, David Anderson, Spike Gjerde, Paul Marchant, Andy Moulton**, and **Otto Wiersholm**, all ex-Allenites? ■ Congratulations are due **Charlie Conover**, who was recently granted tenure in physics at Colby. Charlie arrived at Colby in 1990 with a Ph.D. from the Univ. of VA. With two colleagues, he received a 1996 National Science Foundation grant for conventional and laser spectroscopy of atoms and molecules. He has published articles about his research in *Physical Review, Contemporary Physics*, and the *American Journal of Physics*. ■ Out in CA, **Joe Sutherland** has joined *Daily Variety* as its business manager. He's involved with all the business and administrative activities. Joe has an MBA from the Wharton School, and previously worked for the Chase Bank and Daiwa Bank, as well as serving as a consultant on production finance and multimedia. ■ **Daxing Zhang** headed to L.A., where he has landed a good role in a major Hollywood film production. ■ **Adam Battelstein**, well known as a dancer with the Pilobolus troupe, recently appeared in Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People* when it was presented by the Sherman (CT) Players. Adam played the part of the editor, calling it his first acting role since graduating from Middlebury. ■ **Anders Knutzen** has joined Saint Paul Radiology in Woodbury, MN. Sally Lindwall Knutzen '84 looks after daughter Kristin (2) "and her partner in crime Karga the yellow lab." ■ **Gene Sachs** and wife Lauren Snider have a daughter, Brett Michele (2). Writes Gene, "My real estate firm is about to celebrate our ninth year and is doing very well." ■ **J.P. Tracey** writes, "After shuttling through New York, Providence, and New Haven during training, Heather and I settled in Rochester, MA. I am practicing gastroenterology with a group in Dartmouth, MA. Anyone interested in horses or cranberries should stop by." ■ **Chris Lande** (Chrstphr37@aol.com) was recently appointed claim counsel at Hawkeye-Security Insurance Co. in Des Moines, IA, "where I now have the wonderful opportunity to deal with all the attorneys we hire and haggle over their fees. Outside of work I try to keep busy bicycling and playing water polo and volleyball." ■ **Tracy Howell** and Michele Tagliati were married on August 24 at Chebeague Island in ME. Now living in NYC, Tracy is employed by Warner Books and her husband works at Mt. Sinai Hospital. ■ When **Leslie McCormick** and Michael Tate were married on August 19, 1996, the bridegroom arrived at the altar by canoe! We understand that he needed a little practice before their honeymoon trip in Quetico Provincial Park in Canada. The WI weather was at its summer finest and guests for the wedding included Ward Joyce '85, Tom Gavigan '86, David Emerson '79, and Kevin Murphy '98. Leslie, who was looking forward to her 11th year with an Alta ski pass, welcomes visitors to their Salt Lake City home. ■ Keep the information coming. ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** Gathering in Ridgefield, CT, for the October 28, 1995, marriage of Lisa Grant and **Peter Clough** were Jerry Stein, Sandy Clough, the newlyweds, **Chris Lande**, and **Chris Sanfella**. Not pictured were **Andy Waugh, Jack Klinck**, Ruthie Hill Klinck '84, **Chris Bittenbender, Lee Galban**, and Terry Butler '72.

Lisa Grant and Peter Clough '85 (see 1985 column)

1986

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Congratulations to our newlyweds! **Charlene Makley** and Cain Christen were married on August 17 (living in Ann Arbor, MI); **Virginia Thomas** and Hans Wydler on August 24 (living in DC); **Debbie Hendrickson** and Jonathan Sexton on September 14 (living in Park City, UT); Kimberly Purchase and **Robert Luebbers** on October 5 (living in Waterbury Center). Those attending Ginny Thomas's wedding included **Dave** and **Susan Gavlick Ballard, Rich** and **Margaret Gill Sobel**, Rick '84 and **Phoebe Twichell Peterson, Melissa Marquardt, Chris Peters, Jennifer Kemp Forelli**, and Laura Thomas Bergman '82. Ginny and Hans live in DC with dog Jake. ■ **Doug Black** (dblack@vines.colostate.edu) now writes for the president of CO State Univ. in Fort Collins. In June 1995, he married Elizabeth Traver (Yale '83), who is working on a second master's degree in counselor education at the Univ. of WY, where Doug taught until May 1996. He e-mails

Susan Evans and John Bohan '87 (see 1987 column)

that they "dream fervently of inhabiting the same state." ■ **Michael D. Smith** has joined the law firm of Clark, Thomas & Winters in Austin, TX, where he continues to practice health care law. ■ Dr. **M. Bradley Silverman** has moved to Rochester, MN, to begin a fellowship in gynecology-oncology at the Mayo Clinic. ■ **Monica Carroll McCabe** is running a business, called Majolica, out of her home. Monica paints on ceramics, furniture, picture frames, dinner plates, mugs, ceilings, signs–you name it. Her colors are bright and she uses historical patterns and bold hue combinations. You can find out more by writing Monica at P.O. Box 96, Westport, NY 12993. ■ **Juliet Lambert** (stellisima @aol.com) will be Fantine in the newly revised, 10th-year anniversary cast of *Les Miserables* at the Imperial Theatre in NYC. She e-mails: "Please come!" ■ **Tim Frye**, who recently earned his Ph.D. in political science from Columbia Univ., is now completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Harriman Institute at Columbia. ■ Elizabeth and **Brad Robins** are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Kelsey Elizabeth on December 22, 1996. She joins brother Austin (2). ■ Miguel and **Karen McKeon Lopez** welcomed daughter Isabel Karen in October 1996. ■ **Mike Hering** writes that he recently saw Steve Riley '82, who was with his wife and their month-old daughter, Katie. ■ **Polly Adams Papsadore** (formerly Polly Gay) (ppapsadore@aol.com) e-mails: "My husband Frank and I moved back to the Boston area in April 1996, after living in the San Francisco Bay area for five years. Although we loved living in the Bay area, we're both MA natives, and we really missed New England! I work as an account supervisor for my husband's advertising agency, Papsadore Direct, Inc., which specializes in high technology direct marketing. We have offices in both the Bay area and the Boston area, but will be consolidating operations in the Boston area later this spring. We live and work in East Sandwich, MA, on beautiful Cape Cod—and we love visitors!" ■ **Hiro Kanagawa** (hiro33@aol.com) is making a living acting and writing in Vancouver, BC. His first full-length play, *Slants*, is a finalist in the Delaware Theater Company competition and was read at East West Players in L.A. in March. He's appeared on television's "The X-Files" and in a made-for-television movie, and started a production company. ■ From Hong Kong, **Erika Lederman** (100074.762@compuserve. com) and husband John Kremer '85 are happy to report the birth of son Henry Rocket Kremer on September 11, 1996. Erika is the Hong Kong correspondent for *Travel and Leisure* and John is working for SBC Warburg. ■ From Seattle, **Mary Cleveland Brown** writes that she sees **Pam Belanger Williamson** and husband Frank, an attorney at Foss Maritime. Pam and Frank have two children, Mariah (3) and Matthew (1). She also visits with **Jeannie Beecher Bailey**. Jeannie and husband Dave, a graduate student at the Univ. of WA, have a son, Luke (4). ■ Lt. **Torsten Garber** sent holiday greetings from Japan where he and wife Julia and daughter Savannah (2) are doing a tour of duty with the Navy. Julia keeps herself busy by teaching English while Torsten's at sea. ■ Holiday wishes also came from Atlanta, where **Jeff** and **Jen Iles Seavey** (jlcv@aol.com) are settled in their new home with sons Drew, Preston, and Jonathan. Jen's studying for a degree in foreign language education and Jeff is working at SunTrust. ■ Middlebury men's lacrosse coach **Erin Quinn** was named New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Coach of the Year in 1996. In Erin's five years as lacrosse coach, Middlebury has won two ECAC championships and made an NCAA tournament appearance in 1996.

1987

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *John A. Castle, RFD Box 86J, Derby, VT 05829; and Cameron C. McClearn, 3 Crawford St. #5, Cambridge, MA 02139.*

Dr. **Stephen B. Gunther** has returned to continue his orthopedic surgical residency at George Washington University Hospital, after his own close encounter with pain and suffering. At a Halloween party last year, his elaborate mummy costume caught fire, leaving him with second- and third-degree burns over 65 percent of his body. He was rushed to a nearby burn center on the verge of death. The team of physicians at the burn center not only saved his life, but worked to save his hands—Stephen was one of four chief orthopedic surgical residents at GWU Hospital. A little over three months after the disastrous party of last October, Gunther is back at work, his hands scarred from the burns, but nimble enough to operate. We wish you all the best, Stephen! ■ As an attorney in the Family Court Bureau of the Legal Aid Society of Nassau County (Long Island, NY), **Kathy Magarelli** (kamesq@aol.com) handles issues of paternity, child support, custody, visitation, abuse, and neglect. Kathy was planning her third Club Med vacation for March. She also reports that **Sandy Hurd Clark** is living in VT. ■ For three years, **Ram Prudencio** (ramiro_prudencio@bm.com) has been living in Santiago, Chile, where he runs Burson-Marsteller's, a consultancy in public relations and public affairs. "Believe it or not, the AmCiv major was made for this job. Life in Chile is great. The weather is fantastic, the people are nice, and this is one of the few places on the planet where you are 90 minutes away from either skiing or the beach. **Laura Mullahy** is also in Chile, working for an environmental group. Middies are more than welcome to visit. I had Alixandra and **Richard Coolidge** pass through in December on their way to Patagonia." ■ **Todd Walter** started a new job last spring as a turnaround management consultant with Alvarez and Marsal. The firm is based in New York, but Todd has been spending time in MA, MS, and CA. Wife **Eleanor Ode Walter** also has a new business, as a distributor for publisher Dorling Kindersley. But her main job is still as full-time mom to Addison (4) and Cassie (20 months). ■ Since February 1996, **John D. Glosto, Jr.**, has been supervising airport sales for British Airways in Frankfurt. "One day last year I ran into Prof. Thomas Huber of the German dept., who was flying back to Middlebury." ■ **Rodney Rothstein** is in his second year as a Univ. of TN anesthesiology resident, having completed his internship with Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN. "I remain single but am always looking for someone to take me away. Things that have changed since Midd graduation: I've lost most of my hair, I've gained some weight, and I've grown a beard. I still play golf and racquetball, and hope to show many of my Midd photographs at our 10th Reunion!" ■ **Chris** and Heather Dennis '88 **Parsons** are moving from Duxbury, VT, to Poughkeepsie, NY, where Chris will be head soccer coach and assistant athletic director at Vassar College. ■ Chicago resident **Christopher Casey** has been elected to principal at A.T. Kearney, a global management consulting firm.

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Alixandra Horne and Richard L. Coolidge '87 (see 1987 column)

Mary Weatherhead and Steven Feldman '88 (see 1988 column)

He has been with the firm since 1992. Chris and wife Holly have two sons, Sean and Dylan. ■ **Nicolas Boillot** has joined BBL Advertising of Acton, MA, as a public relations account executive. He recently co-founded a nonprofit project to promote global awareness through documentary film. ■ The marriage of Francine Kapello and **Robert Albritton III** took place in Hastings, PA, on October 8. They're living in Herndon, VA, and he's a softwear designer for Solutions by Design in Tyson's Corner. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* When Susan Evans and **John Bohan** were married on August 3, 1996, Middlebury friends celebrating with them included **Steve Baker**, Stephanie Jones Ahl '88, **Rodman Ward**, Crissy Meredith Miele '90, Shawn Miele '88, **Brennan Starkey**, the bridegroom, **Doug Burdett**, the bride, **Pete Ahl**, Clint Johnson '86, Peter Bryant '88, **Jerome Villalba, Rommin Adl**, and **Ed Mehm**. **Sallie Bryan** missed the photo. The newlyweds are living in Manhattan Beach, CA. Susan is the photo editor for *Buzz* magazine and John has started two Internet companies, AdNet Strategies and SnowQuest. He invites all to "check us out on the Web at http://www.adnetstrategies.com and http://www.snowquest.com." ■ The Midd crowd at the October 5 marriage of Alixandra Horne and **Richard L. Coolidge** included Todd Himstead '88, **John Scharfenberg, Jr.** (best man), **David Dunham, Mike Davis, Jen Kirkman,** Patrick Dorton '90, Erik Nilsson '88, the bride, **Joe McVicker,** Ingrid McKenzie Nilsson '90, the bridegroom, **Cameron Youngman, Bill Kelso, Bob Post, Ann di Buono, Paul Provost**, and **Craig Pattee.**

1988

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Suzie Wintsch Churchill finished her dissertation and earned her Ph.D. in English from Princeton last May—just before she went into pre-term labor! After three months of bed rest, twin sons Thomas William and Luke Frederick Churchill arrived on August 1, 1996, weighing 5 1/2 pounds each. Suzie is now an assistant prof. of English at Davidson College in NC; husband Matt works for a Charlotte law firm. Suzie's glad to be in close proximity to **Brad** and **Shannon Murphy Brown**, who are both attorneys. ■ Tracie and **Will Wright** and daughter Anastasia, born May 26, 1996, have moved into a brand new house in Bolton, MA. Will is in his eighth year at Andersen Consulting. ■ Susie and **John Walker**'s new daughter Adelaide was born in September 1996. Addie joined older brother Jackson (3). ■ Also in September, Sara and **Peter Hill** announced the safe arrival of twins Caroline and Emma. They joined sister Katie (2 1/2). Peter is working in the corporate finance dept. of the Philadelphia investment banking firm Legg Mason. ■ John '87 and **Margaret McDonald DeVine** (mdevine@nwu.edu) live on the north side of Chicago with son Jack (born October 20, 1995). Margie is still director of major gifts at Children's Memorial Foundation and John is an attorney. One of Jack's best friends is Kevin McGee Mulhern, son of Michael and **Beth Canavan Mulhern**. The DeVines see James Hackett '89 (who lives in the neighborhood when he isn't traveling for Wilson Sporting Goods) and **Chad McClennan** (who recently finished his MBA at Kellogg and works for Andersen Consulting). ■ **Brandt Williamson** (mow430@intrepid.net) reports his "much desired departure from single life in early February," when he married Martha Kiser, a native of WV. Living in western MD, Brandt continues to be an emergency physician. ■ Now living in Palo Alto, CA, **Karen Hammerness** and Thomas Hatch were married August 3 in Wellesley, MA. With a master's from Harvard's School of Education (1992), Karen is enrolled in a doctoral program in educational psychology at Stanford, where her husband is a visiting scholar. ■ **Karen Schmeichel**, with a doctorate from the Univ. of UT where she is employed, has married Clement J. Welsh II in Salt Lake City. ■ **Sara Poinier** and Ari Gold were married on August 5, 1995. ■ **Lisa Kring** (lisa.levin@ny.ddbn.com) married Ian Levin on May 28, 1995, at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY. Lisa, who recently moved to New York from Atlanta, is an account executive at DDB Needham in NYC. ■ The marriage of **Kim Stone** and Ken Wexler took place on August 27, 1995. ■ **Melissa Perry Penton** married Mark Bridgers on December 28. She writes: "I have three beautiful children *and* a wonderful husband, and a new job on the MS Gulf Coast as a claim representative for State Farm." She invites friends to visit them in Poplarville, MS. Daughter Anna Presley Penton was born August 17, 1996, joining Beau (6) and Alexa (4). ■ **Leslie Virostek** and husband John Cobb (Bread Loaf '88) are enjoying their new son, Aidan, born July 26, 1996. John continues to teach and coach at Choate Rosemary Hall, while Leslie is a full-time mom and part-time freelance writer. ("Sleep? Who needs sleep?") ■ **Carolyn Grose** is assisting women and children in child-support cases as a staff attorney with Western MA Legal Services. Carolyn was one of 25 recipients of the 1996 Skadden Fellowships in MA. ■ **Murray Kohl**, director of advertising sales for the FleetCenter of New Boston Garden Corp., takes time out on weekends to be a Big Brother. Murray heartily recommends the program as a way to help provide boys with incentive to stay in school, learn a trade or business, and become successful later in life. ■ **Bruce Wimberly** has been promoted to portfolio manager on the investment team overseeing the Ultra Fund at Twentieth Century Mutual Funds in Kansas City, MO. ■ Attorney **Tom Hanson** has joined the commercial dept. at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson in Portland, ME. ■ **Laura Ludwig**, director of Stage Front at the Univ. of ME at Machias, has been named a regional representative by the ME Arts Sponsors Assoc. ■ **Andrew Ziarnik** (andnat@indy.net) finished his Ph.D. in German at the Univ. of IL in November. While looking for a permanent position as a college German prof., Andy is teaching at IUPU-I and Butler Univ. in Indianapolis. Wife Natalie, a children's librarian in Carmel, IN, is writing her first children's novel. Andy visited **Mark Held** in Boulder, CO, last July. ■ With an MBA from Kellogg (1994), **Jonathan Wilson** is working at Lytton Gardens, helping senior citizens in Palo Alto, CA. ■ Craig and **Melissa Duryea Lewis** have left San Francisco for London, where Bank America has transferred Craig for an assignment. ■ **Claire Gwatkin** moved to Singapore this winter. Her domestically based mail forwarding address appears above. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* Middlebury folks in NH for the August 17 marriage of **Julie**

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Alison Evans '89 and Christopher Ney (see 1989 column)

Bridie Jennings Dumont '88 at wedding of Sybil McCarthy Hadfield '88 (see 1988 column)

Penny Post '89 and Deron Chang '90 (see 1989 column)

Eleanor Fuller and Eric Paquette '90 (see 1990 column)

Suzy Chambers '90 and Dave Tyahla (see 1990 column)

1989

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Amer Diwan (diwan@cs.stanford.edu) had an eventful 1996. He was married to Humera on January 1 in Karachi, Pakistan; finished his Ph.D.; and became a research associate at Stanford Univ. in the computer science department. During his recent travels he met some Middlebury friends, particularly **Robin Bucaria** and Arshad Ahmad '91. ■ "On a slow day in the Emerging Markets," **Ben Patch** (bpatch@dlj.com) "came across the Midd home page—looks great." Ben, who lives in Wimbledon with wife Ellen and son Benjamin (17 months), is head of emerging markets sales for Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette International in London. "My travels take me frequently to Moscow, Istanbul, and Jo'burg, as well as NYC, but I'm still trying to find a solid client in VT so I can come see Middlebury in 1997. I can report that Frank Mosier '91 is happy, hitched, and working for Renaissance Capital in Moscow. **Scott Derby** also lives here in the land of fog and is working with Bechtel. Our Midd visitors have included Erik Lundberg '90 and David Muhlbaum '90, who are both on the cutting edge of the Internet. ■ In January 1997, **George Hurtt** (george@eno.princeton.edu) completed his Ph.D. at Princeton Univ. in ecology and evolutionary biology. He'll be working at Princeton as a postdoc for one year, with his research focused on ecological issues of global climate change. ■ **Bruce Anfindsen** (bruce.anfindsen@sgw.com) is spending lots of time in Latin America. He works at SBC Warburg in NYC in the telecommunications corporate finance group. ■ **Karen Blanchfield** has been named curator of the Historical Society of the town of Greenwich, CT. She had been assistant curator for American decorative arts at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. Her husband, Brad Collins, is a graphic artist. ■ **Kristen Lindquist** teaches poetry for Camden-Rockport Adult Education and writes for the Johns Hopkins Univ.'s Center for Talented Youth. She gave a reading of her own poems recently at the Rockport Opera House in ME. ■ **Michael Choi** (beansieny@aol.com) runs Open Mind Design, a one-person graphic design firm in NYC. He's also writing and recording music with his band, *Laughing Out Loud*. Be sure to catch them when they play in your area. ■ **Deirdre Heekin** and Caleb Barber '88 are making people happy in Woodstock, VT, with their authentic, baked, Italian goods. At Pane e Salute, they are serving breads, sandwiches, pizza, and an extensive array of handcrafted delicacies. Following their marriage in 1991, Deirdre and Caleb set off for Italy, where Caleb did an apprenticeship in a traditional Italian bakery. The results may be sampled at 61 Central St. in Woodstock. ■ **Jeannette Boisvert** and husband Stetson Mendell have bought a summer cottage on Long Pond in Lakeville, MA, where they look forward to BBQs with friends and family. ■ **Helen Davidson** and husband Richard Tapper, living in NC since 1995, "are enjoying the VT-like countryside and warm weather." ■ Susan Hegarty and **Randolph Randolph** were married on September 28 at the Riverside, CT, Yacht Club. Randolph is an associate in the investment banking division of Merrill Lynch in NYC, while Susan teaches kindergarten at Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich. ■ The October 13, 1996, wedding party of **Catherine Eells** and **James Reilly** included **Lisa Hollander Rickenbaugh, Jennifer Lowance Salerno, David Wheeler**, and **James Chapman**. ■ It was a Cape Cod wedding at the Popponesset Inn for **Jill Gibson** and Vincent Martinelle on July 23. ■ South Hamilton, MA, residents Dean '90 and **Stephanie Galbreath Baumeister** welcomed son Eric on March 8, 1996. Stephanie works at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston and Dean works at the Wenham Public Library. Stephanie writes, "Everything is going just swimmingly really, and it'll be even better when we can sleep again. We don't have any hopes of that, though, for another 10 years." ■ Daughter Campbell joined Shelley and **Graham Goldsmith** on January 13, 1997. When he's not being the proud father, Graham is still toiling away as the New York district manager of Just Bulbs, a Manhattan lighting and fixture retail chain. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* **Alison Evans** and Christopher Ney were married in an outdoor ceremony at the Stagecoach Inn in Groton. Midd friends with them on October 12 included (front row) John DeLaney '88, **John Mackin, Mike Choi, Chris O'Brien**, (back row) **Courtney McDonnel, Lucy Henderson, Aniko Nakazawa DeLaney, Jill Gibson, Sam Martin**, the newlyweds, **Gabriela Artavia, Andrea Salzman, Alison Steele Carrier**, and **Paige Pierson**. The newlyweds are living in Brooklyn, while Alison works for American Express travel and Chris is a community organizer at ACORN in NYC. ■ Gathering at the Grey Bonnet Inn in Killington, VT, for the June 16 marriage of **Penny Post** and Deron Chang '90 were John Lin (M.A. English '83), Marilee Chang Lin (M.A. English '95), Jean Taggart Lindblad '47, Janet Mills Wong '77, the newlyweds, best man John Watson '90, Lee Berry '90, **George Baxter**, bridesmaid **MaryBeth Comerci Nuovo**, and Tom Nuovo '85. Penny is a postdoctoral fellow at Yale (Ph.D. biology, Carnegie Mellon Univ.

Chapin and **John Bassi** were (front row) Jake Brown '87, **Melissa Ellsworth Jones, Todd Himstead, Laurie Micco McCormack, Paul McCormack, Craig Smith, Tom Urban**, (back row) **Erik Nilsson,** Ingrid McKenzie Nilsson '90, Eleanor Chapin Cousins '54, Joanne Meissner Houston '66, Paul Bottino '87, **Nancy Caulfield, Chris Summersgill, Heather Nelson**, Cici Mulder '87, the newlyweds, **Wendy Victor Pantle, Stefanie Lempp, Hardin Pantle, Pam Frederick, Marnie Cunningham Terhune, Jill Horwitz**, and **Liz Nightingale**. Living in Hopkinton, NH, John is completing his family practice residency at Concord Hospital, while Julie finishes her predoctoral internship in child psychology at a community mental health center. ■ The thousand-watt smiles of freshman roommates **Bridie Jennings Dumont** and **Sybil McCarthy Hadfield** reflect their joy on Sybil's wedding day last July. Sybil is a freelance producer and voice-over actress of commercials and cartoons in L.A. ■ Celebrating with Mary Weatherhead and **Steven Feldman** following their September 1995 marriage were (kneeling) **Paul McCormack**, (front row) Heather Clark '89, Jack Gaziano '87, **Tom Urban,** Bill DiAdamo '87, Lynne Adams Winings '92 (behind Bill), Larry Eighmy '86, Katherine Patrick Eighmy '87, best man **Nick von Moltke**, **Laurie Micco McCormack**, (back row) Phelps Wood '90, **Ian Williams**, and the newlyweds. ■ Gathering in Woods Hole, MA, for the August 10 marriage of **Sarah O'Herron** and Alec Casey were (front row) Amanda Washburn '89, Anne O'Herron Burleigh '81, (second row) **Laird Morgan Tolan, Tildy La Farge**, the newlyweds, **Annie Whalen, Joan Viebranz Lockwood, Lisa Suisman Parsons**, (third row) **Andrew Waine**, Jonathan O'Herron (trustee emeritus), **Ilse Sigmund**, Bob O'Herron '85, John Burleigh '50, **Cinnie Vaughan Lawrence**, George Lawrence '89, Jonathan Burleigh '81, **Shawn Miele**, Crissy Meredith Miele '90, Whit Knapp '89, **Jessica Perera**, and **Steve Feldman.**

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'95) and Deron (master's in forest science, Yale School of Forestry '96) is teaching biology at Choate Rosemary Hall.

1990

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Yoko Kashino Kingsley is a financial analyst for GE Plastics in Pittsfield, MA. ■ **Liz Grinspoon**, a '96 Yale School of Forestry grad, was in China starting up a nonprofit environmental action group, but now seems to be doing research in Berkeley, CA. ■ Since getting his Ph.D. in physics (Berkeley '95), **Tom Donnelly** (tdonnel1@swarthmore.edu) has been teaching at Swarthmore College. He recently accepted a job in the physics dept. at Harvey Mudd College (Claremont, CA), so he and wife Cheryl are "looking forward to heading back West!" When Tom and Cheryl were married in 1992, **Ken Davis** and **Geoff Coffey** were in the wedding party. ■ **Lee Berry**, a graduate of Univ. of MD Medical School, is doing her residency in CT. ■ **Rob Gray** was recently appointed MA Gov. William Weld's press secretary. ■ In NYC, **Kelly Macaluso** (kelly.macaluso @entex.com) is a corporate recruiter for a large, national computer company. "Will always welcome referrals!" ■ After five years in Germany, **Kim Bradley** is in New York working as a translator and freelance PR writer. She and Neri Carmi had a "great city hall wedding" on October 31. ■ **Annie Janeway** (AnneM.Janeway@dartmouth.edu) is assistant director in the Career Services Office at Dartmouth College. Keeping her company in the Upper Valley are **Sarah Martel** and **Alison Bramley Miller**. ■ **Mary Stechschulte** is perfecting her Spanish and design skills at the Peruvian Connection, a catalog company based in KS. ■ **Elizabeth Toder**, who spent the winter in Middlebury coaching the newly formed, high school girls' ice hockey team, recently accepted a position at Ernst and Young's corporate finance dept. in NYC. **Nonie Dorschel** and **Deb Tobey** visited Elizabeth last fall in Middlebury to play some rugby. Nonie is working on social policy for the World Bank. Deb is living in NYC, using her social work degree from Columbia. ■ **Stephanie Cooper** (M.A. in public administration from the Maxwell School) and **Anise Nassiry** (international affairs degree) are roommates in San Francisco. ■ **Rachel Wigglesworth** is teaching and working on an M.A. at the Teton Science School in Kelly, WY. ■ **Lovisa Johnsson** is still working for the U.S. Pro Ski Tour from Bath, ME. ■ The marriage of **Michelle Graber** and John Bergland (German School '91) took place on July 6 in Troy, NY. With an MBA from NYU, Michelle is an accountant for Price Waterhouse. The newlyweds live in Boston. ■ **John Watson** and Elizabeth Benam were married in August 1996 in MI, with **Deron Chang** as best man. John is finishing a joint master's in environmental studies and business administration at the Univ. of MI. ■ When **Deron Chang** and Penny Post '89 were married on June 16, John Watson was HIS best man. More news of Deron's wedding appears in the 1989 column. ■ Carolyn Barry and **Michael Lane** were married in November in Orleans, MA, and are living in Thetford, VT. Mike got his MBA from Amos Tuck. ■ **Jason** and **Hei-Won Lee Merrill** welcomed Nicholas Merrill into the world on January 15, 1997. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* The Waitsfield, VT, gathering for the September 14 wedding of Susan Fairbanks and **Jim Briggs** included (front to back, left to right) Cammy Briggs Roffe '85, the newlyweds, John Myers '89, **Phoebe Wood,** Martha Reynolds Venter (French School '75-'77), Jules Reinhart '92, Rod Prudencio '91, Jon Rothstein '93, Trevor Martin '93, **Rob Skiff**, Leah Skiff '94, Justin Ayers '92, the Rev. Howard Fauntroy '89 (performed ceremony), **Mike McGuire, Greg Naughton**, and **Kevin Bittenbender**. ■ **Suzy Chambers** (schambe@wcl.american.edu) and Dave Tyahla were married on September 21. Celebrating with them in Washington, DC, were (front) **Sarah Menzel**, the newlyweds, Naomi Greer '86, (back row) **Mark Lieberfreund, Michelle Martin, Annette Madden-Kline**, and Doug Kline '89. Now assistant director of development at Washington College of Law at American Univ., Suzy completed her master's in nonprofit administration with highest honors at Univ. College, Univ. of MD. ■ **Eric Paquette** and Eleanor Fuller were married in Ocean Point, ME, on September 7. In attendance were Nick Warendorf '91, **Kiersten Haskell, Wall Pringle**, the newlyweds, **Greg Naughton, Todd Moxham**, and **Sean Murphy**. The newlyweds are living in Charlestown, MA. Eric is doing market research for Cambridge Systematics, a consulting firm where Kiersten Haskell also works. ■ Middlebury friends gathered in Wolfeboro, NH, on August 17 to celebrate the marriage of Laura Caesar and **Ted Smith** (M.A. French '94): (seated) **Roger Willett**, the newlyweds, **John Amster**, (standing) **Eliot Highet, Colleen Quinn Amster, Todd Wetzel, Fanning Hearon, Kelly Macaluso, Willy Patty** (behind Kelly), (standing at back) **Tom Louderback, Scott McLucas, John Lewis, Mike Chorske, Sam Webb**, and **Scott Jensen**.

Laura Caesar and Ted Smith '90 (see 1990 column)

Catherine Cardwell '91 and David Buffaloe (see 1991 column)

1991

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Kikanza Ramsey, who has been a Bus Riders Union organizer for two years, explains in the L.A. *Times* (December 31, 1996) that "building a first-class bus system is part of building a social movement." The union contends that improving the bus system is a civil rights issue because the majority of bus riders are minorities and low-income people. By suing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for reforms, the union recently forced reductions in fares, as well as some additional bus routes. The union is now

Susan Fairbanks and Jim Briggs '90 (see 1990 column)

Sarah Garner '91 and Kent Rowe (see 1991 column)

Cornelia Wise '91 and Robert H. Conklin, Jr. (see 1991 column)

Cassie Hartmann '91 and Craig Roe (see 1991 column)

concentrating on decreasing bus overcrowding and improving security on buses. Transit issues arose from projects at the Labor/Community Strategy Center, a labor, civil rights, and environmental organization where Kikanza works. ■ **Jeff Collins** (jcollin2@zoo.uvm.edu) is in the first year of UVM's Field Naturalist Program, working toward an M.S. in botany. "The snow at Mad River is great! All visitors welcome." ■ **Jen Douglas** is a member of Women in Nordic Division (WIND), the first all-women's Nordic team in the U.S. and one of the few U.S.-based teams of any kind for top Nordic races. WIND's intensive training takes place in Wood River Valley, ID. ■ **Mary Leet-Jeffs** has moved to New Zealand, where she is waitressing while awaiting a teaching position. ■ **Elizabeth Barkell Gomez** (elizgomez@aol.com) is living on Okinawa and attends the summer Russian program at Middlebury to get her M.A. ■ **John Climaco** (jmclimaco@aol.com) enjoyed seeing his name above the associate producer credit when his film *Titanic's Lost Sister* premiered on "Nova" January 28. After two years in Portland with **Rob Tod, Chris Adshead**, and **Dave Findlay**, John finished the film and headed for Chamonix, France, for six weeks "of the finest Alpine climbing I've ever done." He also had a fantastic trip to Cambodia and Thailand with **Ben Danson** and **James Meyer**, before entering Hastings College of the Law, Univ. of CA. "San Fran is like Midd west. I live with **James Meyer** and **Brent Pickett** (816 North Pt., 94109) and see more Midd kids than I can list." ■ Also living in San Francisco, **Heidi Spear** is taking classes at Berkeley during a break from the corporate world. ■ Only one Midd alum—the bridegroom—made it to the July 15, 1995, wedding of **Matthew Leafstedt** and Zukliva Esengalieva in Almaty, Kazakstan. Working in Bratislava, Slovakia, since then, the newlyweds returned to the U.S. (Washington, DC) in early 1997, with daughter Ellen, born November 8, 1996. ■ **Drew Lang** was sorry to miss reunion, but was in Rome at the time. He's now finishing up at Yale, where he has been studying architecture. Drew recently heard from **Etienne Oliff**, who is working on a film crew, documenting animal behavior in Africa. ■ **Kristan Schiller** is a successful journalist/freelance writer in Hoboken, NJ. ■ **Beth Levison**, formerly at National Geographic Television, is now in NYC as an associate producer for a four-part documentary series airing on PBS this fall. When that's completed, she plans to "trot the globe." A big thank-you to Beth for all the news she sent about classmates. ■ **Allison Lax** is toughing it out in the Bronx and doing the whole "cadaver thing" at Albert Einstein School of Medicine. She ran the New York Marathon last fall. ■ **Cassie Robbins**, who works for *Country Home* magazine in NYC, was recently ranked #3 squash player in New York and is wreaking havoc on the courts. ■ **Alex Benson** is finishing school and teaching in Williamsburg. She'll be a NOLS instructor this summer. She's also honing her rock climbing skills with great success and considering taking it to the professional level. ■ **Jeannie Ohm**, the future Diane Sawyer of Generation X, is an on-air reporter in Houston, TX. She recently graduated to some weekend anchoring and apparently gets lots of fan mail. ■ **Julie Cherau** tied the knot in Boston last fall; rumor has it the wedding was spectacular. ■ **Sarah White** is living in the Philippines, where she was discovered by a modeling agency. ■ **Paul Scola** moved to Portland, ME, where he works for Resort Sports Network. ■ **Bill Driscoll** moved to Atlanta to be the GA area manager and to open several new offices for Robert Half International. ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTIONS:*** Gathering at West Point, NY, for the June 29 marriage of **Catherine Cardwell** and David Buffaloe (USMA) were (front row) Chris Littlefield (Italian School '86, Japanese School '92), Sarah Gordon '92, Melanie Friedlander '89, Susan Anderegg '89, Douglas Cardwell (Japanese School '86-'88), (back row) David Littlefield (English prof.), Jean Littlefield, **Page Dickinson**, the newlyweds, Richard Cardwell '56, Adrienne Buda Anderson '89, and **Barbara Woodbury**. Now living at Fort Benning, GA, Catherine teaches high school English and David continues his military training. This summer they move to Germany for three years. ■ The September 21 marriage of **Sarah Garner** (sarahgrowe@aol.com) and Kent Rowe occasioned a get-together in Seattle for (front row) **Sean Fitzsimmons**, Beckett Stokes '90, Laura Appleton Smith '90, the newlyweds, **Catherine McGrady**, Wendy Bagwell Cleary '90, Sue Haviland '89, (back row) Lang Cook '89, **Susie Leness**, David Gilbert '90, Marcia McMillan '90, **Josh Sarkis, Tim McDonough**, and Chad Alfeld '90. ■ Celebrating with **Cassie Hartmann** and Craig Roe following their May 11, 1996, wedding were (standing) Steve Paquette (Director of Midd Ski Patrol), George Whyte '66, Anne Martin Hartmann '59 (mother of the bride), the bride, Helen Martin Whyte '67, Millicent Fairhurst '59, Granthia Lavery Preston '59, Carolyn Parks Behr '59, (kneeling) Kathy Snow Hartmann (M.A. Spanish '79), Andrew Whyte 98, and Laura Rude '90. ■ The Middlebury crowd at the September 14 marriage of **Cornelia Wise** and Robert H. Conklin, Jr., included (front row) **Holly Beardwood Noordsy, Gretchen Loree Crawford, Heather Morris, Rebecca Haskell Andersons, Deirdre McGuire, Stephanie Blair, Marika Holmgren**, Torrey A. Wise '88, the newlyweds, Paul Wise '59, **Lesley Jarvis, Sara Bremner**, (second row) **Peter Andersons**, Jeffrey Noordsy '92, **Nicola Bradley, Robert Hinkle, Meghan Schwartz**, and **William Ware**.

1992

MIDDLEBURY

REUNION CLASS

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Check this column in the summer issue for news of our 5th Reunion, May 30-June 1, at Bread Loaf. We hope EVERYONE will be there! ■ Charles and **Sara Lewis Rall** welcomed son Charles L. Rall on July 22, 1996. ■ Margaret Whinery and **Gerry Pearce** were married recently in Providence, RI. Gerry is employed at Entex Information Services in Norwood, MA. ■ **Kelsey Anne Richards** and Christopher Doherty were married on August 24. Gathering in Amherst, NH, for the festivities were **Amy Hillier, Lisa Christoffersen, Jenni Nayler**, and **Allison Mintz**. ■ **Leslie Highfield** married Timothy J. Rogers on June 15, 1996. She writes: "I am now working in St. Croix for the Governor of the Virgin Islands as one of his St. Croix administrators, which is the equivalent to a mayor. The only differences are that I am appointed by the governor, I am a representative of the governor, and I am the third highest government official on the island of St. Croix. I am also in charge of the day-to-day operations of St. Croix's governor's office. The best part is that I am the youngest person and first female ever to have been appointed to this position." ■ **Amy Randall** (acrand@aol.com) is living in Portland, OR, where she works for the

Pacific Crest Outward Bound School. In the fall of '97 she is heading to New Zealand to begin a year-long fly fishing trip around the world. ■ **Thomas Evans** (evanst.uk @greynet.com) is alive and well, after escaping NYC for "the swinging city" of London last spring. Still working for Grey Advertising, he's currently a European franchise director managing Pedigree dog food in 31 countries—"Top breeders recommend it." Good to see that the IPE courses prepared him for the international world of dogdom. Also in London seen swinging about are **Ehsun Khan, James Hamilton**, and Alexandra Palmer '91. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* The November 18, 1995, marriage of **Marlena Faxon** and **Steven Cox** caused a massive Middlebury get-together in Stamford, CT.

1993

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For "Three Strange Days" in July, **Erik Carlson** (ebiorn@aol.com) took a break from lobbying in MN to host a Lake Superior sailing trip. Sailors included **Pam Daigle** (working for Intuit in San Francisco), **Matt Hunter** (working for a record company in L.A.), **John Linder** (auditing in Minneapolis), **Tom Lyons** (studying chemistry in L.A.), **Heather Micati** (advertising in NYC), **Joshua Miller** (married in NJ), **Blakely Murrell** (traveling in and out of Boston on $13 flights), **Milo Nunez** (hobnobbing with film stars in L.A.), **Ivan Pacheco** (studying medicine in Puerto Rico and hopefully planning the next "Three Strange Days"), **Chris Piehler** (becoming a master playwright at Columbia), **Gilberto Prado** (working for a school district in Dallas), **Leeann Prescott** (getting tan in San Francisco), **Ellen Raynor** (developing computer software in San Francisco), **Ben Small** (teaching physics at Choate), **Amy Stuart** (teaching at an elementary school in Santa Fe), **Jen Tolo** (finishing her BFA in San Francisco), and "Barnyard" (lost in Boston). Eric adds, "Ben and I each captained a ship for the overnight sail and camping trip. All went well until Superior's unpredictable weather slammed us with five-foot waves until 2 o'clock in the morning when my ship's anchor line snapped, sending us towards the rocks. After narrowly escaping disaster, my crew and I navigated back to port through high seas, fog, and the dark of night. At daylight we returned by motorboat to help Ben and his crew get back to safety. Once on land, we feasted and celebrated life. It was a bonding experience, to say the least." Erik also sends news of **Christian Bauta** (studying Chinese in Beijing and trying not to get run over by hoards of bikers), **Art Levy** (studying law at Georgetown), **Tanya Rettkowski** (modeling in South Africa), **Laura Ward** (studying medicine at the Univ. of PA), **Jon Rothstein** (making music in NYC), **Chad Bryant** (pursuing his doctorate in history at Berkeley), and **Katie Bunn** (doing something in Seattle). ■ **Jen Wells** (wells@panther.middlebury.edu) has returned to Middlebury from NYC and is directing the after school program at nearby Cornwall Elementary School. ■ **Ben Small**, a teacher of ninth grade physics at Choate Rosemary Hall in CT, is also coaching the varsity diving team. ■ After a short stay in TN, **Kelly Rivers** has returned to New England as an admissions counselor at Roger Williams Univ. ■ **Dana Pawlicki** graduated from Cornell Law School (May '96), passed the OH Bar (November '96), and began MBA studies (finance) at Fisher School of Business (OH State Univ.) in September. ■ **Emily Moore** (emilym@deltatrans. com) welcomes visitors in Denver, CO, where she works as director of vendor relations for a translation company. ■ **John Linder** (John_Linder @rsmi.com) and **Erik Carlson** have a beautiful bachelor pad in Minneapolis, where they are members of the Midd alumni chapter. With an accounting master's from UNC, Chapel Hill (June '96), John is an auditor for the CPA firm McGladrey & Pullen. ■ **Steve Prescott** (spresc@ctp. com) and former Midd roommate **Chip Muller** (chipperm@bu.edu) have started "a four-person, two-ferret, vegetarian co-op house" in Cambridge, MA, and occasionally frolic and cavort with **Becky Chollet**. Both are earning master's degrees at BU, Chip in religion and Steve in computer science. Steve is working full time as a consultant for Cambridge Technology Partners. Please correspond at 35 Ibbetson St., Somerville, MA 02143. ■ **Anne Harris** is a second-year English and journalism teacher at St. Gregory School in Tucson, where she has yet to meet a gila monster or scorpion. Her campaign to see one of her AZ seniors experience a winter temperature of less than 68 degrees and attend Midd is still underway. ■ **Scott Gillespie** and Maja Thaler '94 write from the San Francisco area where Scott is training for the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and working in graphic and Web design, and Maja works for *Adventure West Magazine*. ■ A son, William Jesse Matheson, joined Jennifer and **Mike Matheson** (mcmathes@ midway.uchicago.edu) on October 4. After Mike graduates from the Univ. of Chicago Law School in June, he goes to work for Otten, Johnson in Denver. ■ For news of the marriage of **Carolyn Ramos** and Chad D. Cooper '95, turn to the '95 column. ■ **Abbie Jones** and **Sarah Richardson** were bridesmaids on October 1, 1995, when **Libba Wittig** married Edward Pollock. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* Gathering in Nahant, MA, for the April 21 marriage of Jeanne Kessinger '92 and **Chris Brown**: (front) **Mike Schwartz, Bill Urda**, Brendan O'Leary '94, **Bob Labick**, Danielle Moon '92, **Chris Brown,** Jeanne Kessinger '92, **Carrie Tuttle, Topher Smith**, (back) **Michael T. Nichols, Dick Paterniti, Jennifer Normandin, Michelle D'Ambrose,** Trystan Phifer '95, **David Lippert**, Justin Ayers '92, Megan Underwood '92, **Jon Hanlon, Zach Peterson,** Kathy Berry '95, and **Nan Mitchell**. ■ The Midd crowd in Youngstown, NY, for the August 24 marriage of Elizabeth Boone and **Timothy Curry** gathered for the reception in Niagara Falls, Canada: (front) **Bob Danielewicz** (tending bar in Denver), David Curry '96, the newlyweds, **Tim Scovin** (in the Special Forces Medic School in NC), Brian Huff '92, **Holly Hoover** (in architectural school in Eugene, OR), (second row) **Rick Merriam** (living in Denver with Brooke McDonald '95), **Tony Claudino** (living in Prague), Lance Marx '94 (recently bought a house in Denver), **Boze Casten** (at Dartmouth for engineering graduate school), **Sunny**

Jeanne Kessinger '92 and Chris Brown '93 (see 1993 column)

Marlena Faxon '92 and Steven Cox '92 (see 1992 column)

Elizabeth Boone and Timothy Curry '93 (see 1993 column)

Cynthia Parson '94 and Justin Puccio '93 (see 1993 column)

Roxanna Beatty and Matthew Goebel '94 (see 1994 column)

Margaret Marinace '94 and Carmine Tomas '94 (see 1994 column)

Megan Martin '94 and Derek Maguire (see 1994 column)

Subrahmanian (living in Boston), **Ena Michel** (living in Boston), **Pete Laliberte** (working for Trigen Corp. in Westchester, NY), (third row) **Chris McChesney** (traveling the world for Boston Consulting Group), **John Erickson** (working for Greenwich Associates in CT), **Tiegen Fryberger** (owns a coffee import business in MN), **Ross O'Hanley** (applying to business schools). Katie Scovin, Chinese School '96, missed the photo. The bridegroom (tcurry@ubmedd.buffalo.edu) is working on his Ph.D. in environmental physiology (M.D./Ph.D. program, Univ. of Buffalo), while playing rugby with a men's club in Lockport, NY. The bride is coordinator of a creative arts therapy program at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo. ■ From the October 19 wedding reception in Bronxville, NY, for **Justin Puccio** and Cynthia Parson '94 comes this "Sleeper Photo," a phenomenon for which this particular group of friends was famous at Middlebury: (from front left) **Michael Walker, Adam Greenberger,** the newlyweds, Rammy Harwood '94, **Justin Fletcher, Heidi Zecher, Todd Wagner, Dave Salisbury**, Mary Herrington '94, **Kristin Ketterer, Eliza Booth, Ena Michel, Jay Staunton, Mike Beckwith** (asleep over railing), Jenny Murphy '94, **Alison Larkin, Dave Barclay, Teresa Bowers, Mike Seaton, Seth Cobb, Allison Gray, Sarah Richardson**, and **Sally Keefe**.

1994

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"I started a handcrafts business, Skip to my Lou, selling in local fairs/galleries." ■ After starting MBA studies at the Univ. of Chicago, **Chris Pagano** was contracted to play professional basketball in Brisbane, Australia! "I played two seasons with the Spartans, was voted MVP and All Star five, and I'm now back in Chicago resuming my MBA courses." ■ **Edelen McWilliams** is pursuing a career in acting in NYC, living with **Ariana Speyer** in Greenwich Village. She's "temping on Wall Street to make money for the time being." ■ Boston roommates **Brady Blagden** and **Hester Smith** are venturing to start their own company—either "a line of bathing suits for 'endowed' women or something simple like the Pet Rock." Good luck! ■ **Jen Duffy** left her investment job in Boston in September and moved to NYC, where she is now interning on an independent feature film while earning her keep at a publishing company. While **Adrian Wood** was visiting, they sighted Mel Gibson, who is "really short." ■ **Nicole Pritikin** left her literary career in Portland, ME, to pursue a science career while living on a four-acre estate in Bennington, VT. In her spare time, she works as an EMT for the Bennington Rescue Squad. Go NED! ■ **Anne Schulz** (akschulz@sprynet.com) and Holly Cookis '93 never met each other at Middlebury, but had a great time reminiscing about Midd and its recycling history at a post-New Year's party in Toledo, OH. ■ **Kennan Radebaugh** (nannek@aol.com) is applying to graduate schools in wildlife biology, while teaching seventh grade science at a private day school in Tulsa. ■ **Elizabeth Bales** is enjoying veterinary school at the Univ. of PA. ■ **Kate Dale** is getting an M.S. in industrial and organizational psychology from Clemson Univ. this May. She will work for Andersen Consulting, based out of Boston. ■ **Scott Godes** will be a summer associate at the law firm of Piper & Marbury in DC. ■ **Jeannie Hudson** is a staff writer for the public affairs department at the National Federation of Independent Business, a small-business advocacy group (read: lobby!). ■ **Joanna Schemm** is getting a master's degree in Switzerland. ■ **Carmen Asteinza** and Andrea Zlotucha '95 are roomies in Boston. ■ Back from Italy, **Kate Tassinari** may move to the DC area. ■ **Susanna Woodbury** is senior reporter for the Stockbridge, MA, newspaper. ■ **Kristen Shea** is living in Breckenridge, CO, and swears that she is never coming back. ■ **Jamie** (Wood-dog) **Wood** is in his first year at the Univ. of New Brunswick law school. ■ **Anne Brahic** (along with Josh Bradford '93) is in her third and last year of grad school at NYU for theatre design. Anne spent last summer assisting the art director on "Where in Time Is Carmen San Diego?" on PBS. Anne has also caught up with **Jon Sherman**, who is living and acting in DC. ■ Living in Boston, **Betsy Godshalk** is working for Feinstein Partners, a biotechnology consulting firm in Cambridge. ■ **Brian DeChristopher** is still with the ADL Strategy Practice. Though based in Boston, he is "stationed" near Stockholm, Sweden. ■ In Cambridge are **Tom Volkert**, who is working full time doing research at Tufts as well as taking graduate classes; **Greg Navage** (ender93796@aol.com), a trader in a Boston investment firm; and **Adam Soroca** (adam@cybersmith.com), an executive at a chain of cyber-cafés called Cybersmith. ■ **Brian Schaefer** (9600404@sms.mull.ed.ac.uk) is studying philosophy at the Univ. of Edinburgh. ■ When **Christina Jaeger** was married last September in Kent, England, **Amy McKee**, Hylah Wells '95, and **Kebby Ball** were her bridesmaids. (Amy is going to med school at Tulane and Kebby has moved back to Atlanta from Austin, TX.) Also making the trip across the pond were **Trista Voss, Ed Soh, Kim Healey** (working on her M.A. in Latin American studies at Georgetown), and **Ben Curtis**. **Alex Mackintosh** and **KT Briscoe**, who are both living in London, were also at the wedding. For those who couldn't make it to England, a second party in VT included **Mary Strife**, Steve Pettibone '95, Ian Brodie '96, **Katherine Behrens, Webb Burns, Matt Lane**, and **Matt Evans**. Christina (146 Elgin Ave., London W9 2NT; phone 0171-286-4399; christina.jaeger@bbc.co.uk) has wrapped a feature film (*The Tribe*), and has been working on several documentary series at the BBC. ■ **Amy Copley**, who lives around the corner from Kim Healey in DC, was working at *National Geographic* on a temporary basis. ■ **Rob Merrill** (Robert.Merrill@nbc.com) is working for NBC News in Washington, DC, while consulting for Very Special Arts. ■ **Kelly Cole** recently left DC to begin graduate studies at the Univ. of WI at Madison. ■ **Achal Prabhala** (Achal_Prabhala@discovery.com) has an excit-

ing job looking after education programs as senior marketing coordinator with Discovery Channel in India. ■ **Alvin Ung** is in Malaysia, hoping to find work in Kuala Lumpur. ■ **Karen Camino** (cci@mozcom.com) is an assistant general manager for Camino Chemicals, Inc., in the Philippines: "I totally miss Kate, Hethar, Maggie, Nancy, Peter, Louis, Desiree, all dance program dancers." ■ **Mary Robertson** left Middlebury November 7 to travel in Europe, planning to settle in Manhattan upon her return. Thanks, Mary, for all your hard work with the Alumni and Parent Programs! ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* When Roxanna Beatty and **Matthew Goebel** were married on August 31, the Midd crowd included (front) **Michael Howson**, the newlyweds, **Molly Boyle, Julia Blystone, Leo Quinn**, (back) **Jed Morse, Anne McAllister, Andy Wiemeyer, Lauren Dias**, Duncan Bruce '95, **Gabe Dee,** John Goebel '88, **Betsy Godschalk**, and **Jeff Bushell**. Matthew is getting his graduate degree in journalism from Medill Journalism School at Northwestern Univ. ■ Following the Mead Chapel wedding of **Margaret Marinace** and **Carmine Tomas** on August 3, the reception at the Waybury Inn brought together (front) **Teaque Lenahan, Jim Oleske**, the newlyweds, **Paul Hughes**, (back) Chris Bicknell '91, Soo Kang '93, **Jason Pellettieri, Mike Levin, Chris Weld, Dana Taussig, Jon Johnstone, Louis Kim, Trista Voss, Ed Soh,** Amy Young '95, **Brian DeChristopher, Sarah Maineri**, and Chad Stern '96. ■ Gathering in Summit, NJ, for the August 3 marriage of **Megan Martin** and Derek Maguire were (front) **Nancy Hastings, Stacy Metcalf, Paolo Costa, Dena Greenman**, (seated) **Brett Harman, Amanda Stine, Kate Walsh**, the newlyweds, **Melissa McClure, Bren Collins**, Mike Collins '98, (back) **Alison Vreeland,** Lloyd Taylor '95, Matt Waddell '95, **Jennifer St. Clair, Sarah Johnson, Mandy Levenberg, Jen Foss, Ashley Essex,** and Matt Martin '91. The bridegroom, a '94 Harvard grad, is a professional hockey player with the Montreal Canadiens. Megan is an assistant photo editor at *Conde Nast Traveler* in NYC. The newlyweds are living in an apartment on the Upper West Side.

1995

Class Secretaries: *Wendy S. Russell (wrussell@middlebury.edu), RR 3, Box 1180, Middlebury, VT 05753; and Douglas J. Rogers (douglas.rogers@balliol.oxford.ac.uk), 62 Skyline Dr., Morristown, NJ 07960.*

William Fruhan and three friends are in business establishing Internet "booths" in public places. Their brainchild, TouchLink Communications (www.touchlink.net), enables people who can't get to a computer to tap into their messages at an "inBox" at the airport, train station, or hotel. Their hope is that wherever there is now a phone booth, there will someday be an inBox. The first inBox installation went into North Station in Needham, MA, in December. ■ After two years as a research assistant at the Center for Alternative Medicine Research, Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School, **Jonathan McDonagh** (jmcdona2@bidmc.harvard.edu) is returning to UVM in August. ■ Postponing graduate studies at Stanford and moving to NYC, **Will Dobson** was recently appointed associate editor of *Foreign Affairs* magazine. Will has also been busy publishing his own writing on China and international politics, with articles appearing in the *New York Times*, the *International Herald Tribune*, the *Boston Globe*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*. ■ **Alex Cobb** is now an investment analyst for Morgan, Stanley in NYC. ■ **Ellen Anderson** (ekanderson@ucdavis.edu) is working on her master's in creative writing at U.C. Davis. ■ In southern CA, **Elizabeth Heald** is in charge of bilingual education programs for "I Love a Clean San Diego," a nonprofit environmental organization; **Trystan Phifer** is an academic program coordinator for the liberal arts and international studies dept. at a UCSD Extension; and **Shannon Detweiler** is working at the Museum for Contemporary Art in La Jolla, CA. ■ After working for a year in Middlebury, **Kerry Sawatzky** and **Spencer Williams** drove across the country last summer to their new home in Bozeman, MT. Kerry is working at Montana Watercourse, a nonprofit educational organization, while Spencer is busy getting his new business off the ground. He manufactures pet toys and enjoys testing the products on their chocolate lab puppy, Schoggi. ■ Last November, **Terra Reilly** was transferred by her employer, Fiddlehead (a marketing firm), from Kansas City to Seattle, where she has been skiing and meeting lots of new people. While walking in Muir Woods (just north of San Francisco) last New Year's Eve, she ran into **Duffy Thompson, Maya VanPutten, Peter Polson**, and Steve Reale '94. In late March, Terra and **Becki Plona, Roberta Stewart**, and **Janine Hetherington** were all converging upon Portland, OR, to spend 10 days "wandering the West Coast." ■ **Helen Simons** is working in design and layout at the JCrew catalog. ■ **Ashley Ball** is working in Newport, RI. ■ **Anna Nolin** finished her master's in education at Harvard last June. She's teaching high school in Framingham, MA. ■ **Eloise Prickitt** was last heard from in Cape Cod, where she was the assistant manager of a restaurant and the keeper of two kittens. ■ **Martha Newell** is co-owner of Two Marthas' Breads in Shoreham, VT. Their 14 varieties of breads, fat-free muffins, and stuffed pretzels are available at the Crest Room. ■ **Hillary Beard** reminds us that we need to start thinking now about our financial security for retirement. She and her father have a DC-based organization, Economic Security 2000, to encourage Congress to restructure the nation's Social Security system. ■ **Eric Odell** (rmbl_resz@western.edu) has been caretaking at the Rocky Mountain Bio Lab—and tele-skiing every day! ■ **Ty Stuelpe** left his environmental consulting job in DC, traveled in Australia, New Zealand, and Figi, and is now with Andersen Consulting in Chicago. ■ After nearly a year traveling around the world, **Thomas Zwick** is in Stamford, CT, as a trainee at Mallory, Jones, Lynch & Flynn. His sister, Cecilie Zwick '93 is teaching at the Galloway School in Atlanta. ■ **Paul Krissoff** is working for the Majo Institute in Boston. "Hard work, but learning every day." ■ **Erin Eggert** is working for a consulting firm in Boston and traveling a lot. She has also just recorded a CD with a Boston-based singing group. ■ **Matt Hamilton** began work on a master's in public policy at Georgetown Univ. last fall. ■ **Lloyd Taylor** was spotted as an extra in the recent movie *The Mirror Has Two Faces*. ■ **Kristen Spangler** is in Nicaragua and **Mark Ellerbrook** is in Costa Rica, both doing environmental education work with the Peace Corps. They are both enjoying their work and have done lots of traveling in that part of the world. ■ **Steve O'Neill** is working for the Salzburg Seminar in Austria. ■ **Laurie Naumann** returned to Germany to work and study. ■ **Jake Kritzer** (Jacob.Kritzer@jcu.edu.au) is actually doing his postgraduate research in North Queensland, Australia (not Sydney), studying the population dynamics of a predatory coral reef snapper. ■ The marriage of **Adrienne Downie** and Robert Fournier took place July 13 in Titusville, PA. Adrienne is teaching at the Sage School in Foxboro, MA. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* On December 14, Carolyn Ramos '93 and **Chad Cooper** (ccooper@wod.srs.com) were married at Mead Memorial Chapel, with Howard Fauntroy '89 officiating. Celebrating with them at the reception in Kirk Alumni Center were Howard Fauntroy, Deejay Pablo Calvo '97, Bonya Broadnax '93, Leroy Nesbitt '82, **Nick Testa, Darius Brawn**, Dave Liebmann '91, Paul Testa '91, Theresa Bui '94, Tamara Hines '90, Martin Beatty '84, **Carol Tonge, James Mack**, Tamara Wheeler '97, and Pres. John McCardell. The Panthers' baseball squad turnout included **Alec Perkins, Brad Smith**, Tim Loescher '94, Jeff Milks '94, Doug Mandigo '96, and coaches Bob Smith and Bill Mandigo. Chad is a research analyst for a Dept. of Defense contracting firm and Carolyn is teaching third grade in Washington, DC. This summer the newlyweds head to Albuquerque, where Carolyn will attend law school and Chad will begin his M.B.A.

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Carolyn Ramos '93 and Chad Cooper '95 (see 1995 column)

1996

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Christopher Mucha is "having an amazing time working in Prague at the Institute for EastWest Studies." He reports that he works with E.J. Meggan '93. ■ In Tokyo, **Andrea Kan** is the Japan representative for Sweetheart Paper. ■ **Christy Picard** lived in beautiful Lake Louise, Alberta, for the winter (working and skiing) while applying to grad school. ■ **Laurel Cox** began her three-month stint as an intern at the Salzburg Seminar in Austria. ■ In Puerto Rico until late July 1997, **Brett Figlewski** has been busy working for Vista. He has started a 4-H program there to help supplement the lack of educational opportunities. Brett is applying to law schools. ■ In DC, **Suzanne Daley**

Agnes Hy and Nikola Tarashev '96 (see 1996 column)

is an analyst with American Management Systems, **Courtney Marsh** is with an international development consulting firm, **Sameer Nath** is consulting at Deloitte & Touche, and **Tim Geraghty** is attending Catholic Univ. Law School. Tim reports that **Tim Pabon**, who attends Catholic's theatre school, lives practically across the hall from him, just like freshman year at Middlebury! Now living in Arlington, VA, **Doug Levine** is working on the Hill and **Chris Zegarelli** (Chris_Zeg@msn.com) works for Keefe, a consulting and lobbying firm. ■ From our ex-Febs-in-publishing file: **Susie Van Buren** works for a publishing company in Philadelphia, **Ann Amstutz** is at HarperCollins Publishers in Manhattan, and **Beth Del Colliano** is an editorial assistant for Simon & Schuster in NJ. ■ In the Big Apple, investment bankers **Eric Whaley** and **Scott Paul** are living on the Upper East Side. Scott recently met **Steve Slauson** and **Chip Zabatta** in New Orleans for Mardi Gras. ■ Legal researcher **Josh Braunstein**, with Corsearch Inc., is also on the Upper East Side with **Jay Auth**, a financial analyst for Fleet Bank. ■ **Kim Whitman** is working in advertising. ■ Craig Emerson '95 has a job in investment banking. ■ **Veronica Maginnis** (e-mail vmagin@dpw.com) works in NYC at Davis Polk & Wardwell. ■ **Greg Guido** and **Jeff Bittner** are moving to the Upper East Side with **Dan Rice**. Dan and **Cheryl Kozlowski** pull all-nighters regularly, working at Merrill Lynch. ■ **Eric Davis** visited NYC from DC, where he's a paralegal working with **Alli Hartz**. ■ **Laura** "Bama" **Thomas** is a singing waitress! She took the LSATs last year, but decided to give Broadway a shot before making any decisions about a law career. ■ **Steph King** is working on the trading desk at Sherwood Securities, while living with **Courtney Slautterback**. ■ **Lisa Jankowski** is teaching kindergarten at Chapin in Manhattan. ■ Lab rat **Steve Kocaj** is in NJ getting through his first year of med school. ■ **Allison Miller**, a technical recruiter for Zeitech in Stamford, CT, hopes to move into NYC soon. ■ In Boston, **Sid Suri** and **Bill Dyer** have an apartment on Beacon Hill. ■ **Chowda Erikson** is working at Carney Sandoe Associates. ■ **John Goyert** is at Harvard Translations. ■ **Blaine Davis** is in the pensions dept. at State Street Research and Management. ■ Feb Stew Williamson '97 is substitute teaching at a local school. ■ **Matt Trail**, doing Internet consulting with OneWave, is living with **Scott Pokrywa** and **Rebecca Kirk** (it's a little Stewart thing, you could say) in Charlestown, MA. ■ **Jim Falcione** is working for Mellon Bank in Cambridge, living in Somerville with **Jeff Brown**. ■ Also in Somerville are consultants **Kunal Randery** and **Vikas Jhunjhunwala**. ■ Thanks to **Amanda Gordon** (who lives in Boston Back Bay with Erica Templeton '95, Noga Peled '95, and Laura Christian '94) for reporting on many Middlebury friends. ■ **Heidi Hirschberg** is doing children's books in other languages at a publishing company. ■ **Cortney Thompson** works in clinical psychology with patients suffering from obsessive compulsive disorder. ■ **Weezie Edsell** works in HR at Ernst & Young accounting. ■ **Mike Kreuzer** and **Kevin Creeden** work for First Call, a financial research firm. ■ **Josh Walker** is a freelance writer for several newspapers in the Boston area. ■ **Andy Kvaal** is a GIS nerd at Applied Geographics. ■ **Stuart Salyer** and **Charlie Whinery** share a place in Allston. ■ **Ashley McMullin** lives on Beacon Hill, as do **Jess Angell, Deb Bailey**, and **Adeeva Wang**. ■ **Rebecca Kirk** is living in Charlestown and working hard in consulting. ■ **Ed Meyi, Mike Moisio**, and **Chris Andrews** are all in Brighton. ■ **Kate Hubert**, Pingree math teacher and girls' basketball coach, got her team off to a 5-0 start this year. ■ **Jennifer Manseau** (manseaje@hugse1.harvard.edu) is studying for her master's in education at the Graduate School of Education at Harvard Univ. ■ House-sitting in Wellesley, **Jenny Fisher** is in HR for Bear Stearns and **Amy Atwood** is a fifth grade teacher's assistant. ■ Out west, **Gabby Belfort, Jason Dimmig, Jon Schoenecker**, and **Doug Griffith** tore up the slopes at Jackson Hole, WY. They were joined by newly graduated Febs, including Scott Morgan and Matt Leidecker. ■ **Jack Aalborg** writes: "After completing the master's degree à Paris, I've been readjusting to military life in Del Rio, TX, while trying to learn how to fly." ■ In Dallas, **Nancy Fallen** is assistant to the head of residence at the Hockaday School for Girls, her alma mater. ■ **Lisa Old** is "home in Santa Fe, NM, after deciding Boston wasn't for me. I'm working in Albuquerque at an advertising agency and skiing every weekend." ■ In CA, **Sarah Lyons** is studying Spanish in Monterey, and **Cindy Martinez** is doing post-graduate work in geology at Stanford. ■ Also in the Bay area, **Spencer Pope** and **Aaron Jones** are working in San Francisco, and **Dan Price** is working in a research lab. ■ Most of our class is gone from Middlebury now. How strange is that? ■ **Dylan Bolles** and **Dan Stahler** were spotted at Middlebury preparing for a January performance of a student music project. ■ **Dan O'Brien** was back at the College rehearsing for a showing of his senior project, *The Last Supper Restoration*, in Boston. ■ New alums, '97 Febs Ben Lucas, Derry Mason, Mark Villa, Sarah Merrill, and Howie Young were all living up in Ripton. ■ **Gretchen Elias**, who was a fall intern at the Salzburg Seminar in Austria, taught skiing at Bread Loaf while staying with **Greg De Beer** and Dylan Boyd '97. ■ **Kimball Prentiss** was staying in her apartment on Main Street, and **Chad Stern** and **Chris Oliviero** remained in their house in Addison through the spring. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* On December 19, **Nikola Tarashev** married Agnes Hy, a Middlebury summer school French instructor, in Princeton, NJ. Celebrating together were Velizar Tarashev '00, the newlyweds, and Martin Beatty '84. In Bulgaria an "a" is added to the wife's last name, so the bride's name is Agnes Hy Tarasheva.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

BREAD LOAF WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Martha Rhodes '95 is still enjoying working in China. She traveled to Tibet in August.

ENGLISH

Theodore L. Gaillard, Jr., (M.A. '70) is teaching English at the Agnes Irwin School in Ardmore, PA. ■ **Bob Murken** (M.A. '71) (robertm332@aol.com) recently completed his 20th role as an actor in community theatres: "Out-of-work actor sounds classier than retired teacher." His son Robert Lee graduated from Duke this year and is now doing volunteer work with the homeless in Philadelphia. Bob is eager to hear from Bread Loaf people. ■ **Marguerite Daly McCleary** (M.A. '73), who teaches English and speech at Edison Community College, Lely Campus, Naples, FL, has written a leprechaun story, "With Magee & Me," for children from second to fourth grade. Magee conveys to children the life supporting qualities that can be found in a handicapped person. It's available at 941/643-5603. ■ South Kingston (RI) high school administrator **Patricia Hines** (M.A. '78) was recently named the 1997 RI Assistant Principal of the Year. She taught English for 21 years at East Providence High School. ■ **Douglas Hale** (M.A. '80), former headmaster of the Baylor School (Chattanooga, TN), is now headmaster at Mercersburg Academy (Waynesboro, PA). ■ **Eric David Loring** (M.A. '80), who teaches English at Scottsdale (AZ) Community College, was on sabbatical in London for the academic year, after spending last summer at Oxford working on an M.Litt. ■ **Patricia Hirsch Hambrook** (M.A. '81) is teaching at East Woods School in Oyster Bay, NY, while writing for a local newspaper and caring for her two sons. ■ Editor **Janet Gray** (M.A. '87) has collected the work of nearly 60 women poets of the 19th century in a volume titled *She Wields a Pen* (Univ. of IA Press, January 1997).

FRENCH

Junia Huddle (M.A. '51) and Richard J. Park, Sr., were married on September 29 in Nichols, NY. Junia is a photographer and the owner of TLC Studio in Rome, PA. ■ Living in the Berne, Switzerland, area, **Linda Koser Rickli** (M.A. '71) and husband Ulrich have four children (ages 14, 16, 18, 20). On November 30, she successfully completed the "Ausweis II" or Performer's Certificate II for organ, through the Conservatory in Berne. She keeps in touch with **Elaine Squeri French** (M.A. '71) and would love to hear from others who spent the '70-'71 year in Paris. ■ **Lucia C. Biederman** (M.A. '74) (biedermal@nih.gov) would like to hear from French School graduates in the DC area. She is the director of human resources management for the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases at the National Institutes of Health. She is also the sole French instructor for the NIH graducate school, the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences. ■ **Sandra A. Browning** (M.A. '76) spent the year in Rouen, France, as a participant in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. She taught English at a "collège" (middle school) in Yerville in Normandy. "Oh—the wine, the cuisine, the culture!" ■ **Linda Eileen Fosselmen** (M.A. '76), a high school teacher in Harrisburg, PA, was profiled in the 1996 *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. ■ After 10 years in international

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banking, **Beth Harrington Payson** (M.A. '82) returned to teaching French at Charleston (MA) Catholic Elementary—where she *is* the foreign language department. She would love to hear from Jonathan and **Gail Christensen Stapleton** (M.A. '81), **Paul Eaton** (M.A. '81), and **Linda George Test** (M.A. '83). ■ **Jeanne M. Schoenwandt** (M.A. '83) (jeanne@mgm.lan.mcgill.ca) nears completion of her Ph.D. in geography at McGill Univ. in Montreal. ■ In Meadville, PA, **Cecilia Beach** (M.A. '82) gave a faculty lecture on "The Aesthetics of Social Protest Theatre" on December 3 at Allegheny College, where she is a visiting assistant prof. ■ Last November, **Stephen A. Wildfeuer** (M.A. French '85, M.A. Spanish '92) left an 18-year career as a foreign language teacher to become coordinator of language instruction for the Language Connect University (LCU) department of Syracuse (NY) Language Systems, a foreign language software company. LCU began offering beginning courses in Spanish on the Internet in January '97, with other languages to follow in the future. Wildfeuer's main responsibility will be to manage the instructional staff and to work closely with the LCU content and design departments. He can be reached at swildfeu@syrlang.com. ■ With a Ph.D. from NYU ('96), **Maureen Gillespie** (M.A. '87) (mgillesp@falcon.cc.ukans.edu) is teaching at the Univ. of KS, specializing in the literature, culture, and hagiography of medieval France. ■ **Victoria Madison Gill** (M.A. '89) is still living in San Francisco. She is now single and doing freelance editorial work and French translation, as well as writing a crime novel. She recently published a baseball poem in the Faber & Faber anthology *Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend* (women's writing on baseball), and she maintains a vast collection of French crime novels. ■ **Karen Aruri** (M.A. '91) is teaching French and Spanish at the high school in Wilmington, MA. ■ **Elizabeth Lynch** (M.A. '91) is teaching at Worcester (MA) Academy, while also coaching soccer and track. ■ **Jared Wolff** (M.A. '92) graduated from MI Law School ('96), passed the NY Bar, and began work in NYC this February, after working for a law firm in Mexico for four months, learning Spanish. ■ **Julie Kristin Doerr** (M.A. '95) has been in Tokyo, Japan, since graduation, working as assistant manager of PR for Kikkoman Corp. She plans to return to the U.S. in 1998.

GERMAN

Andrew Ziarnik (M.A. '89) completed his Ph.D. in German at the Univ. of IL and is now teaching at IN Univ., Purdue Univ. at Indianapolis, and Butler University.

ITALIAN

Peter Alfieri (M.A. '81, D.M.L. '86), associate prof. of modern laguages at Salve Regina Univ., recently spoke on "Events That Led to the Italian Renaissance" at the Westerly Dante Society in Mystic, CT.

JAPANESE

Tobias Maxwell's ('85) one-act play, *The Mary Play*, was published in the August issue of *Art and Understanding* magazine.

SPANISH

Francis Polizio (M.A. '59), retired after 30 years at Horace Greeley School in Chappaqua, NY, is enjoying the cultural delights of Manhattan and France. He has been restoring houses in Port Chester, NY, and Montague, MA. ■ **Helen Marston** (M.A. '64) and her husband had a mini-reunion with **Don Henderson** (M.A. '67) in Buenos Aires in April '96. Helen would love to hear from classmates **June Edwards** (M.A. French '67) and **Theana Sheetz** (M.A. '68). ■ Prof. **Deanne K. Flouton** (M.A. '65) (floutod@sunynassau.edu) has retired after more than 30 years at Nassau Community College, where she received the Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award in 1993. She developed and taught courses for hotel technology and Spanish to native speakers, as well as advanced grammar and culture of Spain and Latin America. She is the author of *Spanish for Hotel Technology* and of a workbook to accompany a series of videos for use with intermediate texts. She would like to hear from friends of the summers of 1963-65. ■ **Elise Spencer Salinger** (M.A. '65) was elected to the AZ House of Representatives last November. ■ **Christopher Buckley** (M.A. '70) is working in Phoenix as a technical translator and minister with Linda, his wife of two years. ■ **René Torres-Delgado** (M.A. '70), associate prof. of fine arts at the Univ. of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras, is teaching a course on the history of Spanish painting. ■ **Karen Voorhees** (M.A. '84), a former Peace Corps volunteer in Africa, is now teaching high school Spanish in Hopewell, NJ. ■ The marriage of **Lesley Carroll** (M.A. '91) and James Hauser took place in Osterville, MA, on September 7. Both are practicing law in Boston. ■ **Jennifer Shay** (M.A. '95) teaches Spanish at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. ■ **Malena Armstrong** (M.A. '92, DML '96) is teaching literature at the Cervantes Institute in Munich, Germany, as well as "cursos superiores de lengua" at the Foreign Language Institute, Munich. She is writing short stories and holding readings in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. ■ **Kathleen Crane** (M.A. '93) is teaching high school Spanish in Princeton, NJ. ■ **Sara Colburn** (M.A. '94) and Daniel Alsop were married on August 17 in Oregon, WI. Sara is teaching Spanish at IN Univ.

OBITUARIES

1920

ELSA HOLMSTROM KROECK, 98, of Acton, MA, on December 29, 1996. She taught Latin in the Oxford (MA) and Worcester North (MA) high schools for eight years, and married Julius Kroeck in 1928; he died in 1973. A former resident of Reading (MA), and Sarasota (FL), she served on the Reading Visiting Nurse Association, and was an active member of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Kroeck was a longstanding supporter of the College and served as class secretary from the inception of that role in 1938 until 1993. She leaves a son, Robert H. Kroeck; a daughter, Ann K. Guba; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1921

LILLIAN DEANS CARLSON, 98, of Yellow Springs, OH, on August 22, 1996. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, she prepared for college at Drury High School in North Adams, MA. She was a high school teacher from 1921 until her marriage to Valdemar Carlson in 1932. In Yellow Springs, where her husband was a professor of economics, Mrs. Carlson was a trustee of the library association and served as president of the Shakespeare Club. Survivors include a son, John A. Carlson; a niece, Norma Skelton Blunt '40; and a nephew, Harold B. Tatro, Jr. '50.

1922

MARY ELIZABETH McNAMARA, 97, of Fair Haven, VT, on December 21, 1996. A native of Fair Haven, she taught at the Fair Haven Grade School for many years and was a member of the choir at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church. Predeceased by two brothers and a sister, she is survived by three nieces and three nephews.

1923

EMILY HOBBS THOMPSON, 96, of Meredith, NH, on December 19, 1996. Born in Worcester, MA, Mrs. Thompson spent most of her life in Schenectady, NY, where she was a teacher and a Girl Scout leader. Her husband, Samuel J. Thompson, Sr. '23, died in 1987. She was also predeceased by son Harwood Thompson, daughter Katherine Weaver, sister Katherine Hobbs Lamere '16, and brother-in-law Joel J. Lamere '16. Survivors include daughter Harriet Germain, son S. James Thompson, Jr. '52, 12 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. TUCKER, JR., 95, of San Diego, CA, in February 1996. A 1927 graduate of MIT, Mr. Tucker was an electronic engineer, pioneering in color television, camera, and transmitting equipment. He worked for General Electric for three years and then with RCA until his retirement in 1965. The Tuckers lived in Haddonfield, NJ, until retiring to San Diego in 1969. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helen (Kendrick), and daughter Ann Susan Rogers.

1924

HELEN TAYLOR CULLEN, 94, of Somers, CT, on May 29, 1996, at home. She taught French at Bulkeley High School in Hartford, CT, from 1927 to 1940. She moved to Somers in 1969. She belonged to St. Francis Hospital Women's Auxiliary and Johnson Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary. Predeceased by husband James R. Cullen, M.D., she is survived by son James T. Cullen and two grandchildren.

1926

MARION SWIFT CARTER, 93, of Whately, MA, on January 19, 1997. She did graduate work at Vassar College and worked as a chemist for Hercules Powder Co. She retired as a bookkeeper for Pro Brush Inc., division of Vistron, in Florence. She was active in the Congregational Church and the Whately Historical Society. Her husband, Walter Carter, died in 1946; daughter Priscilla Randall died in 1994. Survivors include son Walter Carter, daughters Virginia Allis and Esther Fogwell, a sister, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

1927

ANNA MAY DANIELS, 95, of Randolph, VT, on January 13, 1997. She studied at a teachers training course in Randolph and taught school in Bethel, VT. She later worked in the poultry business and for the Van Raalte Co. in Randolph. Predeceased by a brother, Miss Daniels is survived by a sister-in-law, a cousin, a niece, and three nephews.

CHARLES G. SHEDD, 89, of Wellesley, MA, on September 6, 1996. A 1931 graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. Shedd worked at Boston City Hospital, now the Boston Medical Center, and was a surgeon in Boston for many years. He was a member of the MA Medical Society and served for more than 50 years on the society's governing body and in its house of delegates. He was also a longtime member, secretary, and vice president of the Suffolk District Medical Society. Survivors include a nephew, Dr. Donald P. Shedd.

1928

HELEN NORTHROP GRIPPIN, 88, of Annapolis, MD, on December 18, 1996. After teaching French, biology, and design for one year at the high school in Fultonville, NY, she married Frank W. Grippin, a Methodist minister. Together they served churches in Speculator, NY; Rutland, St. Albans, and Bennington, VT; and North Adams, MA. Predeceased by her husband, she is survived by son Eugene Grippin, daughters Miriam Jones and Elizabeth Berg, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three brothers. Mrs. Grippin's aunt, the late Bertha Stilson Ranger, graduated from Middlebury in 1909.

GREENLIEF H. LAMBERT, 91, of Modesto, CA, formerly of Winthrop, ME, on December 27, 1996. With a medical degree from the Univ. of IA, Dr. Lambert left his general practice in Winthrop (1934-1940) to join the Army Medical Corps, where he studied tropical medicine and served as battalion surgeon for four years in New Guinea and the Philippines. Following World War II, he spent two years in China as chief medical officer for Morris K. Knudsen Construction Co. He was later honored for his humanitarian work among the Chinese. He then studied radiology at Stanford Univ. and served as chief radiologist for 28 years at Gould Medical Group and the Downy Park Group in Modesto, CA. Dr. Lambert was an early pioneer in the use of mammography. He is survived by a sister, a brother, son Ronald Lambert, daughter Mrs. Wayne Healey, four granddaughters, and 10 great-grandchildren. Dr. Lambert's father, the late Dr. Avery E. Lambert, was a professor and dean of men at Middlebury College.

1929

KATHRYN TRASK DEEDMAN, 88, of Bristol, VT, on August 8, 1996. During the 25 years she lived in Rye, NY, Mrs. Deedman was involved in many social services and community affairs, including the Woman's Club of Rye, the hospital board and thrift shop, the YMCA, and Planned Parenthood. Her husband, Donald F. Deedman '29, predeceased her, as did in-laws Charles A. Deedman '36, Margaret Ray Trask '39, and Miriam Deedman Swede '27. She is survived by son Charles F. Deedman '69, sister Mildred Trask Roesch '37, brother Joseph M. Trask, Jr. '39, and two granddaughters.

LUCY HUMPHREYS GRIFFIN, 89, of Baltimore, MD, on January 9, 1997. A native of Rutland, VT, Mrs. Griffin taught at the West Rutland High School from 1932 to 1937, when she married Raymond A. Griffin. In MD, Mrs. Griffin was active in the Women's Club of Dundalk and the Episcopal Women's Guild. Predeceased by her husband, she leaves sons Hubert W. and Raymond H. Griffin, a brother, and two grandchildren. A cousin, the late Doris MacKelsey Lamphere, graduated from Middlebury in 1921.

EVELYN JONES IVES, 89, of Worcester, MA, previously of Holden, MA, on December 3, 1996. A 53-year member of the First Congregational Church of Holden, Mrs. Ives served her community in many capacities, most notably as a volunteer with the MA Commission for the Blind. A lifelong student of French, Mrs. Ives held master's degrees from Worcester State College and Assumption College in Worcester, and taught French in high school and junior college from 1949 until 1972. Her husband, Francis A. Ives '27, died in 1994; her sister, Ruth Jones Quick '27, died in 1981. She is survived by son Jonathan H. Ives, daughters Nancy Ives Quick and Alene Ives Cole '56, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

1930

CLINTON W. DEMERITT, SR., 87, of South Burlington, VT, on February 10, 1997. He earned a master's in education from UVM (1943), taught for two years, then held principalships in Fairfax, Woodstock, and Bristol, VT, for seven years. In 1947 he was appointed superintendent of the Franklin-Chittenden West School District. After his retirement in 1975, he worked for more than 10 years as grand secretary-recorder of the York Rite of Freemasonry of VT. His wife, Josephine (ImBruglia) died in 1995. Survivors include daughter Raynelle Tucker, son Clinton W. Demeritt, Jr., two grandsons, and one sister.

1931

EDNA COTTLE MYERS, 88, of La Canada, CA, on January 20, 1997. She served as secretary to the head of the department of pathology at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons (1934-41) until her husband, Verne S. Myers, was recruited by Lockheed Aircraft in CA. She became office manager for the Hastings Foundation in 1949, working part time after 1972. Her community service centered around advocacy and rehabilitation of the handicapped, and she served as an officer in several heritage societies. Predeceased by her husband on May 27, 1996, Mrs. Myers is survived by daughters Monica Myers Narveson '58 and Virginia Myers, as well as two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

1932

ESTHER HAWKS HERRON, 87, of Shelburne Falls, MA, on December 22, 1996. She worked as a proofreader in Greenfield, MA, and was married to John C. Herron in 1937. For 35 years she was connected with the Shelburne town library, 16 years as trustee and 19 years as librarian. She was also a charter member and librarian of the Shelburne Historical Society. Predeceased by her husband in 1968 and by son Frank in 1994, she is survived by son John and four grandchildren.

ELIZABETH RITTER PRICE, 85, of Warwick, RI, on July 17, 1996. She attended Middlebury in the 1928-29 academic year and graduated from Mt. Holyoke in 1934. With a master's in library science from Simmons College, Mrs. Price taught high school English in MA and RI, and she was also involved in the establishment of a central Warwick library. Her husband, Minard W. Price, died in 1996.

HELEN FROST REYNOLDS, 85, of Middlebury, VT, on April 27, 1996, following a lengthy illness. She married William Henry Reynolds in 1937. He died in 1987. She is survived by son Mark Reynolds, daughter Kirstin Hirsch, and a grandson.

1933

KINGSLEY SMITH, 84, of Springfield, VT, on January 17, 1997. A 1937 graduate of the Yale School of Architecture, Mr. Smith worked for a Rutland, VT, architect before moving to Springfield to work for Jones and Lamson Machine Tool Co. From 1949 until his retirement in 1981, he was the innkeeper of the Hartness House Inn in Springfield. He was active with the Boy Scouts and served on the board of directors at Okemo Mountain. Survivors include wife Virginia Coley Smith '32, daughter Cherrill Rowell, sons Kingsley Jr. and W. Gordon Smith, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

1935

MARK S. RICHMOND, 83, of Swampscott, MA, on November 23, 1996. A graduate of Clark Univ., Mr. Richmond was a Navy veteran of World War II and had a distinguished 34-year career in law enforcement. He retired from the Federal Prison Service as an assistant director in 1973. He leaves his wife, Cora (Tarr), daughter Nancy Rutherford, son Daniel Richmond, stepsons Sherman Clebnik and Douglas Tarr, a sister, two brothers, and five grandchildren.

1936

DOUGLAS C. RUBB, 83, of West Pymble, N.S.W., Australia, on September 1, 1996. Mr. Rubb was an editor for Prentice-Hall in New York City before joining the Navy, where he received a Navy Unit Citation for Heroism in the Northern Solomons and a Citation for Meritorious Service. He later served as assistant Naval Attaché (New Zealand) and as a historical officer in the South Pacific. He resumed editorial work in New York, then migrated to New Zealand and finally Australia (1971), where he was an editor for Better Business publications. He worked for the Australian government until retiring in 1984. His wife Elva (Chapman) died in 1994. He is survived by a sister, Marjorie L. Haliday.

ELIZABETH LAWS WESTIN, 81, of Naples, FL, on December 27, 1996, of cancer. She taught at the Landon School for Boys in Bethesda, MD, and married Donald Westin '38 in 1942. Following his release from the Navy (1946), they joined the faculty of Mount Hermon School in Northfield, MA, he as a physics teacher and head of the science department, she as a mother and a librarian. In 1975 they retired to Naples. She is survived by husband Donald, daughter Joanne Ritzmann, son David Westin, five grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

1937

RAMONA FORD EMERY, 81, of Wilsonville, OR, on February 22, 1996. She served as assistant to the College editor and business manager of the Middlebury College Press from 1937 to 1942. She was married to Oscar H. Emery, Jr., on November 26, 1942, and they had one son, Richard F. Emery. Mrs. Emery was predeceased by her sister, Cleone Ford Smith '32, in 1994.

1938

F. deFOREST CAMP, 81, of Watertown, CT, on January 12, 1997. A lifelong resident of Watertown, he was a research chemist with Anaconda American Brass Company, now ARCO Metals, for 43 years, retiring in 1982. An active member of First Congregational Church for 67 years, he was also a member of the historical society and the Watertown Foundation. He was a direct descendent of Roger Sherman, signer of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution. Besides his wife, Mabelle (Hickcox), he leaves a daughter, Cynthia Camp Barker '68, a grandson, and many Middlebury in-laws (seven of his wife's siblings attended Middlebury).

MAHLON J. PRICE, 79, of Sun City, CA, on November 30, 1995. He was married in 1941 to Margaret Phillips and they had three daughters, Kathleen, Sally, and Wendy. There were four grandchildren. During World War II, he trained at Army Military Intelligence School and became a special agent with an Army Counter Intelligence Corps team in Europe. His team was awarded the French Croix de Guerre for helping the French Army Intelligence. After the war, he trained with the F.B.I., and served as a special agent and later as a supervisory special agent until his retirement in 1968. He worked as a stockbroker in Memphis, TN, before retiring to Sun City.

JOHN B. STODDARD, 81, of Slidell, LA, on December 8, 1996. A former resident of Middlesex and Gloucester counties in VA, Mr. Stoddard was employed by Home Beneficial Life Insurance Co. until his retirement. Survivors include wife Mary (Fears), a daughter, a son, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

1939

DONALD P. STONE, 78, of Danville, NH, on April 10, 1995. Mr. Stone served as a captain in the Army during World War II. He was associated with the former D.D. Chase Lumber Co. in Haverhill, MA, and was an assessor for the city of Haverhill for 16 years, retiring in 1982. In addition to his wife of 52 years, Doris (Miley), he leaves sons David and Douglas Stone, daughters Deborah Lebro and Dayle Stone, and six grandchildren.

1940

ROYCE W. TABOR, 78, of Bloomfield, CT, on December 9, 1996. Mr. Tabor was awarded the Bronze Star for his

service in Europe during World War II, when he was a major in the Army's Medical Administrative Corps. For 42 years he was a sales representative for Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Co. of Providence, R.I. He is survived by a son, Kenneth W. Jeffrey.

1941

HELEN RICE NUGENT, 77, of Socorro, NM, formerly of Nyack, NY, on February 11, 1997. She married John M. Nugent, Sr., '41 on July 3, 1942. Following his death on January 10, 1996, Mrs. Nugent moved to Socorro, NM. In Nyack, Mrs. Nugent was very active in Grace Episcopal Church and she worked with Nyack Hospital's building fund campaigns. She and her late husband were founding members of the Midland Land Co./Nyack Field Club. Survivors include sons John M. Nugent, Jr., and Jeffrey L. Nugent; daughter Candace Wilson; sister Janet Rice Smith '48; and five grandchildren.

DORIS LATHROP RIGGS, 77, on February 26, 1997, in Tequesta, FL, where she was spending the winter at her condominium. On September 2, 1942, she married Edwin A. Riggs, Jr., who died in 1991. They raised their family in their home town of Auburn, NY, and then became avid travelers. Their many voyages took them to Europe, Africa, and the Pacific Rim area. Mrs. Riggs was also a teacher and the director of the Auburn Nursery School for 17 years, and she was a hospital volunteer for 40 years. She is survived by daughter Janet Waterman, son David Riggs, and grandson Peter Riggs.—*Les Ingalls '41*

1942

ELMA W. BOYER, 75, of Forest Hills, NY, on January 16, 1997. After teaching French in Mooers, NY, from 1942 to 1946, Miss Boyer moved to New York City and worked for an insurance broker, Clinchey & Weaver, until her retirement in 1988. She traveled extensively and was also involved in church work at the Church in the Gardens in Forest Hills. Survivors include a cousin, a niece, two grand-nephews, two grand-nieces, and a great-grand-niece.

MARGARET DUNHAM HICKSON, 75, of Middletown, NY, on February 14, 1996. With a master's in Spanish from Middlebury (1950), Mrs. Hickson was a member of the language faculty at Middletown Collegiate Center. She also taught English as a foreign language in Wallingford, VT, and served as trustee of the southern VT chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Her husband, Albert G. Hickson, died in 1966.

1943

NELSON M. ROBERTS, 75, of Stony Brook, NY, on December 11, 1996. He served as a Navy Lt. from 1943 to 1946, then moved to Stony Brook to manage the Three Village Inn. He ran the inn for 43 years, retiring in 1989. Mr. Roberts was predeceased by his father, Percy L. Roberts '05; and his uncle, Gilbert W. Roberts '02. Survivors include his wife, Monda (Stevenson), sons Whitney, James, William, and Lawrence; daughters Andrea Roberts and Monda Oewel, and four grandchildren. A niece, Barbara McCulloch Mitchell, graduated from Middlebury in 1967.

1944

MARY MAURICE HAYES, 74, of Altadena, CA, on January 1, 1997. After breaking and decoding Japanese codes for the Army Signal Corps in Washington, she worked in Army Attaché offices in U.S. embassies in Haiti, Paris, Rome, and Vienna. In Vienna she met Robert Hayes, whom she married in 1953. Mrs. Hayes worked several years as a reporter covering city government for the Pasadena *Star News*, and was active in the League of Women Voters, Democratic Women's Club, Alliance Française, and child advocacy groups. Predeceased by daughter Cornelia in 1976, she is survived by her husband, daughters Caroline and Elizabeth, and four grandchildren, as well as two sisters.

DORIS ORTH PIKE, 72, of Riverhead, NY, on April 23, 1996. With a master's from Adelphi Univ., Oakdale, Mrs. Pike taught home economics in East Hartford, CT, before making a lifelong commitment to voluntary teaching. She taught English to immigrant students as a volunteer for 25 years at Patchogue-Medford High School and Riverhead High School. She received numerous awards, including a Volunteer Recognition Award in 1989 from *Newsday*. Survivors include her husband, former Long Island Congressman Otis G. Pike; daughter Lois Eyre; sons Douglas and Robert Pike, and a brother. Other Middlebury relatives include cousins Avis E. Fischer '35, Virginia Fischer Ellison '38, and the late Herbert Ellison '37.

1945

ROBERT W. ZAUMSEIL, 73, of Pittsboro, NC, on December 29, 1996. Mr. Zaumseil joined the Marine Corps after his sophomore year, but returned and graduated in 1947. He taught and coached at Mount Hermon School (MA) for two years before going to work with General Motors Acceptance Corp. for 33 years, 15 of which were based in Melbourne, Australia. After retirement in 1982, he was a founder of the literacy council in his county and tutored in a local middle school. He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Jones); daughters Nancy, Elizabeth, and Kathy '78; son Robert W. Jr.; and six grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include a brother, Donald S. Zaumseil '50, and a cousin, Charles L. Sanford '42.

1949

ROBERT G. BOUCHER, 72, of Denver, CO, on December 9, 1996, from cancer. An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Boucher distinguished himself in Colorado's mortgage banking industry and became a national leader in the field. A strong sense of social responsiblity marked his professional career. His work resulted in the construction of the first low-income senior housing facility in Denver. Mr. Boucher was described as an early city planner and a visionary who believed that modestly priced housing should also be aesthetically pleasing. He had a strong interest in historic renovation and, in 1985, was instrumental in the establishment of the Colorado Trust, a grant-making foundation with assets of more than $305 million, which he served as treasurer, vice chairman, and chairman. He recently participated in the establishment of the new Colorado Trust Fellows Project, designed to train future managers of nonprofit organizations. In recognition of his outstanding career and service to his alma mater, he was awarded an Alumni Plaque in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Donna (Bates); son Peter W. Boucher '76; daughters Robin Davis and Elizabeth Boucher Bohonnon '79; brothers A. Roland Boucher '49 and Norman Boucher; and nine grandchildren.

BARBARA BUCKLEY CREAMER, 69, of Rowley, MA, on January 10, 1997, after a long illness. After attending Middlebury, she received a B.A. from Boston Univ. and an M.A. from Smith College. She held positions in the education and medical fields. In addition to her husband of 41 years, Robert Creamer, she is survived by sons Michael, Timothy, and Patrick Creamer; daughter Kerri Creamer; and six grandchildren.

RUTH DURLAND FYFE, 68, of Pittsford, NY, on January 7, 1997, of cancer. Mrs. Fyfe was the founder of the Knickerbocker Hill Garden Club, a past president of the Pittsford Garden Club, and a member of the 7th District Federated Garden Club. She was a judge at the National Flower Show, a director of the Rochester Philharmonic League, a past president of the Engineering Women's Club, and a volunteer for many community services. She is survived by her husband, S. Bruce Fyfe, Jr., daughters Susan Fyfe and Linda Lyon, son Stanley B. Fyfe III, and five grandchildren.

HELEN KLINE KINGSOLVER, 68, of Tryon, NC, on December 20, 1996. A graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School, she also attended the Univ. of Oslo, Norway. She was active in the League of Women Voters, the Girl Scouts, and the Art Institute of Chicago. Survivors include her husband, J.K. Kingsolver, daughters Karen Kingsolver and Susan Maltz, and one grandson.

1951

R. PETER DRENNAN, 69, of Enfield, CT, on December 20, 1996, at home. A Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Mr. Drennan's business career was with the Industrial & Commercial Appraisal Co., a firm he co-founded in 1972 with his brother, Robert. The firm specializes in appraising industrial and commercial real estate. In 1976, he established the annual Michael Robert Drennan Memorial Golf Tournament between Enfield's two high schools, in memory of a son who died in 1975. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Ann Marie (Conlon); son Joseph P. Drennan; daughters Mary Ann Franco and Rosemary LoStocco; three brothers, two sisters, and 10 grandchildren.

JOHN R. MOREAU, 67, of Corvallis, OR, on December 7, 1996. After serving in the Air Force and working in public relations on the East Coast, Mr. Moreau purchased the Grant County (OR) *Blue Mountain Eagle* newspaper in 1969. In 1981, he moved to Corvallis and purchased Vickie's Hallmark Shop, retiring in 1994. Preceded in death by wife Donna (Erickson) in 1988, he is survived by companion Lorraine Beyerlein, daughters Stephanie and Emilie Moreau, sons Theodore and Thomas Moreau, two grandchildren, and a sister, Mary Moreau Cowan '54. Middlebury cousins include Dale Moreau Killinger '49, Anne Moreau Thomas '51, Margaret Moreau Willett '54, Janet Moreau Levesley '59, Catherine Thomas Langley '75, John M. Thomas II '77, and Howard M. Thomas '83. He was predeceased by an uncle, Daniel H. Moreau '20, and a cousin, William Moreau '38.

1953

MICHAEL A. ALVARO, 66, of Albany, NY, on January 6, 1997. A Marine Corps veteran of the Korean Conflict, Mr. Alvaro ended his career with the New York State Legislature Bill Drafting Division, retiring in December 1996. A football player both in high school and at Middlebury, he was included in the first group of inductees to the Albany City Diocesan High School Sports Hall of Fame. Survivors include daughters Joan McMullen and Patricia Alvaro, sons Michael and Richard Alvaro, a sister, a brother, and three grandchildren.

1957

HERBERT F. RAMSDELL, JR., 61, of Southborough, MA, on November 22, 1996. He was the third generation president of Ramsdell Industrial Supply Co. in Worcester, founded by his grandfather in 1935. Survivors include wife Barbara (Davies), sons James W. and Christopher D. Ramsdell, daughter Sarah Ramsdell Jenson '90, and a sister.

1961

ALFRED C. FARRELL, JR., 58, of Mount Airy, MD, on January 5, 1997, following a long illness. With a master's from American Univ., Mr. Farrell was a veteran of the Army Intelligence Corps and worked in administration for the Mitre Corp. of McLean, VA. He served on the board of directors for Hashawa

Environmental Center in Westminster, as president of Mt. Airy Recreational Council, and as president of Mt. Airy Elementary School's PTA. He leaves wife Joan (Morrison), daughters Alison Cox and Emily Dyson, a brother, and three grandchildren.

1976
JAY J. NORDBY, 42, of New York City on February 15, 1997, after a long illness. He held an M.A. in Russian from Middlebury (1978) and an M.A. in German from Princeton (1979), and he was fluent in Russian, German, Dutch, Italian, French, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian. He worked for eight years at CBS Television, first in finance, then in affiliate relations, before moving to the Spanish television network Telemundo. He was most recently vice president of the All-News Channel at Showtime Networks, Inc. Survivors include his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Nordby, and a brother, Wesley Nordby.

Honorary Degree

1949
HERBERT R. SMITH, 90, of Providence, RI, on November 27, 1996. The Rev. Smith was the pastor emeritus of several churches in VT and MA, and he was the interim minister at the United Church of Christ in Attleboro, MA, at the time of his sudden death. During his long career, he was also active in denominational work, both at the state and national levels. Predeceased by his wife, Florence (Gilson), and two brothers, the Rev. Smith leaves a son, Lawton R. Smith; daughters Barbara Blom, Florence Miller, and Mary Elizabeth Branchaud; two sisters, nine grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Staff

JOSEPH L. PRESBREY, JR., of Richmond, VA, on July 29, 1996, of a heart attack. Mr. Presbrey served as director of Middlebury College News Services for many years. He later became director of public affairs at Virginia Military Institute and director of public relations at the Virginia State Highway Department.

Language Schools

1927
LOUISE W. PEEKE, M.A. English, 99, of Mount Vernon, NY, on January 3, 1997. She was head of the English department at Yonkers High School until her retirement in 1962.

1930
LOUISE TOTTEN BOORSCH, M.A. French, 88, of North Haven, CT, on January 21, 1997. Her husband, Prof. Jean Boorsch, was a Language Schools faculty member for 41 years. He was the director from 1962 to 1971. He survives, as does a daughter, Marie Louise Boorsch, M.A. French '63. A brother, Albert Totten, graduated from Middlebury in 1928.

1935
MARGARET LEWIS, M.A. French, 93, of Alexandria Bay, NY, on January 3, 1997. She retired from teaching in 1966.

1942
LOUIS W. FLACCUS, JR., M.A. German, 83, of Tamworth and Hanover, NH, on January 12, 1997. He taught Latin and German at Westtown (PA) School and English at Scarsdale (NY) High School.

RUTH A. HOFFMASTER, M.A. French, 84, of Akron, OH, on October 13, 1996. She taught at North High School and the Univ. of Akron.

E. LOUISE LEONARD, French School, 97, of Frederick, MD, on August 26, 1996. She was a language teacher at Hood College for 44 years.

1960
HENRY F. CAPASSO, D.M.L. Italian, 79, of North Providence, RI, on January 30, 1997. He taught Italian at the Univ. of RI from 1945 to 1982.

1961
MIRIAM PERRY BELL, M.A. English, 83, of Barre, VT, formerly of Rutland, VT, and Sarasota, FL, on January 13, 1997.

1964
NIKOLAUS GEWERZ, Russian, of Rochester, NY, in December 1995.

1966
FRANCES MORRISON JOHNSON, M.A. French, 83, of Hanover, MA, on December 2, 1996. She taught Latin and French in the Weymouth schools for 15 years.

1968
MARY WELLER ROYCE, M.A. Italian, 63, of Rockville, MD, on November 21, 1996, of cancer.

1974
BROTHER MANUEL VEGA, FSC, M.A. Spanish (M.A. French '82), 45, of Los Angeles, CA, on November 28, 1995, of complications of diabetes and viral meningitis. He taught at St. Mary's College from 1985 until shortly before his death.

1986
PATRICIA HATHAWAY BUCKLEY, M.A. English, 69, of Williamstown, MA, on January 27, 1997. Mrs. Buckley was the first woman appointed from Australia to the staff of the United Nations Secretariat in New York.

1995
CHERYL PINKERTON, Arabic School, of Ft. Wayne, IN, suddenly in Cairo (date unknown).

Letters

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has been unfairly harsh in criticizing the magazine for its lack of "prickly or controversial" content.

In particular, the articles by Karl Lindholm, Richard Hodes, and Sean Stitham are examples of superb journalism. Their insight and relevance can appeal to any reader, not just a Middlebury alumnus, and in fact I've shown them to several friends. As Lindholm has pointed out, the Vietnam War affected all of us. For the Vietnamese, the war's end and concomitant separation of families and the determination of one's fate and destiny were often no less tragic than the long, tragic years of combat. The human interest angle on today's students points this out and shows how they are coping with the universal problems of immigrants—the question of roots, dual loyalties, and an internal search for cultural identity.

In Richard Hodes and Jill Seaman, the College has two alumni who are risking their own lives to save the lives of other, less fortunate citizens of the planet. Mr. Kettelhack, what more noble cause could the magazine choose? After traveling in Africa and working with some of the 14,000 Ethiopian Jews evacuated to Israel in Operation Solomon, I can especially appreciate their exploits, even though I was witness to only a fraction of the human suffering which they encounter on a daily basis. The Middlebury community can be proud of two dedicated professionals working in countries chronically plagued by the strife of war, famine, and disease. We should be thankful that our "slick" editorial staff doesn't print only those articles which deal with the narrow interests of the upper-middle-class majority.

Eric Maltzman '76
Golan Heights, Israel

More Image Than Integrity

Two articles in the fall 1996 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* present a disturbing picture of our alma mater. In the "President's Perspective," John McCardell is obsessed with the College's image. He agonizes over "our reputation," the "positions" of graduates, and —once again— the *U.S. News & World Report* rating of colleges. (We're up seven places!) To top it all off, several bar charts reflecting the results of parent surveys sprawl across the bottom of the page in an Orwellian array.

What has happened to the Middlebury indifferent to the Ivy League—the school secure in its *own* rich and intellectual traditions? In the past Middlebury defined its own reality, confident that a unique mix of location, independence, and character elevated it above comparisons. Now, much of what I read in the magazine shows a school more concerned with image than integrity.

In recent years Middlebury has worked hard to be seen as a school on the cutting edge of political correctness. In a number

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of fora, Middlebury has defended human rights and the environment. Unfortunately, the school espouses these principles abroad and ignores them at home.

In the [fall] issue of *Midd Mag*, an article on page 9, "Town debates college sale . . . ," describes local opposition to the College's decision to sell a strategic piece of land to a developer. President McCardell is quoted saying that it would be "the height of arrogance" for the school to decide "what's best for the town." The College that has stressed its commitment to the environment elsewhere is too bashful to defend the habitat in its own backyard.

Those of us who are disaffected with Middlebury's double standards are frequently characterized as alumni whose political perspectives have hardened with their arteries. Unfortunately, Middlebury's dilemma isn't about political perspectives. It's about ethical consistency.

In a recent development flyer, President McCardell again searches for the immortal quote when he states, "We must dare to set our feet on lofty places." Before setting its feet on lofty places, Middlebury needs to be sure its shoes are clean.

Bill Woodward '64
Buffalo, Wyoming

Letters policy: Priority is given to letters addressing issues discussed in the magazine. On any given subject, we will print letters addressing that subject, letters responding to those first letters, and then we'll move on to other subjects. An attempt is made to print all letters, but if the quantity exceeds space available, a representative sample of letters will appear. All letters will be edited for brevity and clarity.

Please address correspondence to Letters, *Middlebury Magazine,* Hathaway House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753. ■

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Nominees for 1997 Officers and Directors

The slate of candidates for officers and directors presented by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Middlebury College Alumni Association for a two-year term is as follows, no petitions having been received by March 1.

Jean Rau Dawes '61: Palo Alto, Calif.; college counselor at local high school for the last 15 years; continued contact with students and involvement in issues related to highly selective liberal arts colleges; panelist at national forum of the College Board and the national conference of the National Association for College Admission Counseling; served on committee for the selection of Presidential Scholars; member of San Francisco Area Alumni Admissions Committee since 1980; class agent for 35th Reunion.

Kim P. Loewer '76: Laguna Niguel, Calif.; owner of a tax, accounting, and consulting firm, Loewer & Associates, since 1987; enrolled agent with IRS; accredited tax adviser; Orange County chair, Alumni Admissions Committee; head class agent; participation in Externship Program through Career Services Office; delivered lecture on Middlebury campus in January 1997 titled "Taxes, the Internet, and You"; major Middlebury hockey fanatic.

Michelle M. Millin '88: New York, N.Y.; account supervisor, Grey Advertising; phonathon volunteer; class agent, 1988-present; Alumni Admissions Committee; Career Services undergraduate adviser; MiddNet lecturer; chair, New York MiddNet Committee; board member, New York Alumni Chapter; 5th Reunion Gift Committee.

Cynthia L. Strong '81: Chicago, Ill.; Western advertising director of *Today's Homeowner* magazine; participated in several New York City phonathons; class secretary, 1981-85; co-chair, 5th Reunion; class agent, 1986-present; participated in MiddNet New York career panel, 1995; attended Women's NCAA Female Sportsman of the Year program in Chicago with Middlebury candidate, 1994.

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President's Perspective

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$4,500. At that time, the College had two Wang computers, which were hooked up to Dartmouth with teletype terminals. Mike was a geology major. The most sophisticated equipment available to him was a microscope. In 1997 we have, and are expected to have, a computer on every desk. Geology majors now have magnetic resonance imaging. These are not amenities but necessities, and their costs go well beyond what inflation alone would have paid for.

For those seeking a high-quality education, there are, of course, many fine options available at a range of prices, some of which are subsidized by tax dollars. There are also premium programs, such as Middlebury's, offered by the most attractive and best-equipped institutions in the world. These schools have historically extended programs and services to meet parent and student (the operative word these days is "customer") demand and in the desire to remain competitive with schools in the front rank. Are these programs and services necessary for a good education and a successful career? Not necessarily, but the demand is there, and so is the perception of value, as witness the long line at the Admissions Office (over 4,700 this year, a record). The pressure to improve the product (and thus increase the cost) will likely continue.

If colleges increase the gap between what such a premium education costs and what we charge for it, we are only robbing the future. Each generation should fund its fair share, and it is up to the marketplace to determine whether demand will support that kind of educational product. At the same time, higher education must demonstrate both its willingness to operate as efficiently as possible and its ability to resist marketplace demands that are in fact extravagant. These demands would include articles in national magazines that exhort us to discount even more sharply what we now provide at little more than two-thirds of the actual cost.

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Mea culpa! I have been caught in a factual error, which is the more grievous because I should have caught it myself! Of course I knew that the venue for Commencement changed in 1937. I even knew that that was the year balconies were added in Mead Chapel. Worse still, I knew that that was the last time the Commencement procession marched through town to the Congregational Church. And worst of all, I knew that Commencement began to be held in Mead then. Yet somehow, when the time came to write my column, I got it wrong.

There are few things more vexing to an historian. My vexation is mitigated, somewhat at least, by the number of people who have taken the time, gently, to note this error, which means they are reading my column. My thanks to those readers who took the time to call, and please do not think this lapse characteristic of anything other than a fleeting suspension of communication with Clio, the muse of history. ■

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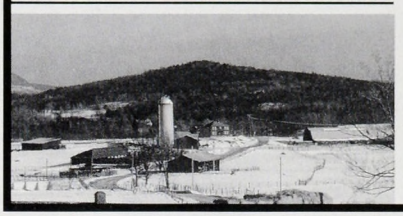

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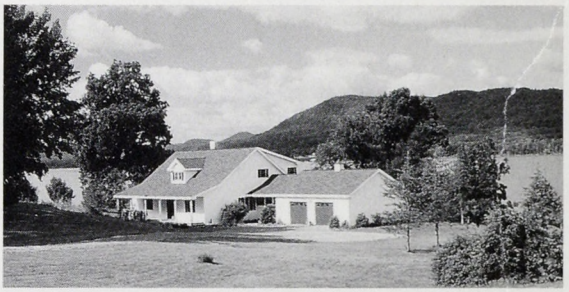

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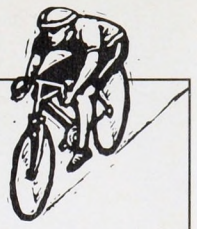

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MAY

3-4	Tribute to Emory Fanning, Middlebury
7	Leonardo da Vinci exhibit, Boston
15	Wine Tasting, NYC
16-17	Alumni Golf, Cape Cod
30	Alumni Reunions (May 30-June 1)

JUNE

7	Family Picnic, Atlanta
8	Beach Volleyball, Los Angeles
11	Red Sox, Boston
TBA	Anchorage Reception, President McCardell

AUGUST

1-12	Alumni Tour, The Baltic
27-31	Alumni College XXII, Middlebury

SEPTEMBER

TBA	New England Revolution Soccer, Boston
24	Welcome Class of 1997, Boston
TBA	Wall Street Night Panel, NYC

DECEMBER

11	Holiday Reception, NYC

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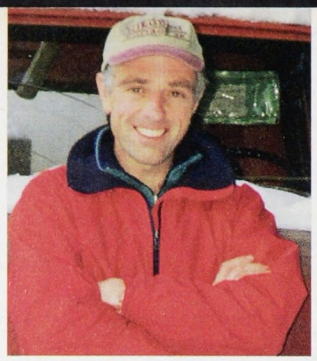

EDUCATED OPINION

by Gary Johnson '73

TO THE '73 FUND-RAISING AND ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

I came home to find your request for a donation to the College. Nice to hear from you. Please let me explain why I must regretfully defer. This afternoon, I feared for my life as I was bringing home four cords of sugarwood.

I know that my classmates who live in Georgetown and Los Angeles, who are associates in law firms, or associate professors, would find the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont a particularly weak and suspect rung on the ladder to success. Neither might they appreciate the need to drive a six-ton farm truck of indeterminate age and origin down Nelson Hill in the first hour of a November snowstorm. At this moment in my life, I am having difficulty with this career choice, also.

My classmates who now sit in restaurants dining on Vermont fiddleheads and wild leek soup, Vermont leg of lamb and maple broule might not appreciate the fact that my coveralls are soaked through, reeking of bark and chain oil and wood chips, and that the last time there was heat in the truck cab was 20 years ago. The window crank handle has been replaced with vise grips clamped to the handle stem, and the window has to be open at least halfway to let out the fumes that come through the rotting floor from the muffler. I begin to wonder myself, as I watch the snow-covered road through the holes in the floor, and as I snap the gearshift into the worn linkage of second gear.

Behind the cab, I have stacked four cords of sugarwood that I cut at a log landing, slipping around in the November mud. Green packs, neoprene gloves, and logger's helmet are the power dress for this one-man corporate executive. The smell of mice nests in the cab is making me nauseous, or maybe it is the unsettling thought of four cords of maple limbs coming through the cab in the event that I skid off the road and ditch the truck. I wonder what good my degree in American literature and folklore is going to do me in the next 10 minutes.

Actually, I began my career as a sugarmaker at the College. Every March day at noon, I called George Devoid in Salisbury to find out if the sap was running. If it was, labs could wait, and I'd hitchhike to George's farm, hop on the tank wagon behind the tractor, and spend the next seven hours gathering buckets. Probably I should have been writing resumes instead of keeping buckets from overflowing.

I keep the truck in low gear and hedge down Nelson Hill. The tires are bald and the snow is three inches deep and wet. The motor grinds loudly and I can feel the wheels trying to turn faster than the transmission will allow. I keep pressure on the knob of the shimmying floor shift, which vibrates in my hand and then pops out of gear.

The motor noise rises two octaves in a rush, as it is suddenly free of the transmission, and the truck begins to roll. I slam the clutch to the floor and wrench the truck back into gear.

I am sure that somewhere a classmate of mine is looking out a window of a climate-controlled office building. He is loosening his tie and looking out over a picture of corporate success. I look out the narrow view through the windshield and see hummocked pasture and fences in disrepair and lowering gray clouds.

I say to myself, what the hell am I doing? Am I about to be crushed under four cords of sugarwood just to save $200 bucks? I am scared and I can't deny it. But despite the protests of the motor, the lurching of the air brakes, and the continual backfiring of the muffler, I make it down the hill. I still have miles of road to cover to get home before the late afternoon gray turns black. I am full of November doubt and full of wondering about what there is in this experience that keeps me doing it.

I just want your alumni committee to know that you might not recognize what I did today as a career choice. I'm not making much money, and I'm not well connected. And in regard to a donation to my alma mater, one of the rear duals on the truck went flat on the way home, and I guess I'll have to fix it. But keep in touch, and if any of you need maple syrup, I've enclosed my address and an order form. ■

Gary Johnson '73 is a teacher in Vermont.

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